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Housing market remains red hot

Sales 'crushed it' in October as SW Michigan reaches new heights

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Southwest Michigan realtors can now look at October as the new peak month to compare to future housing trends.

October marked the fourth consecutive month for Southwest Michigan to see more than 450 homes sold.

For the month, sales were 38 percent higher than in October 2019, with 477 houses being sold. Year-to-date, the number of houses sold has reached 3,198, compared to the 3,076 homes sold by October 2019.

Alan Jeffries, association executive of Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors, said this continued run of home sales has been astonishing.

"Since June, we have used many descriptive words to describe the Southwest Michigan housing market," Jeffries said. "June – after a disappointing slow start – lifted the market back up. July was astonishing. August was a continued frantic pace, and September was jaw-dropping. October's numbers crushed it."

The average selling price at $358,144 was 36 percent higher than the $262,720 average selling price in October 2019. The year-to-date, average selling price has also increased by 24 percent.

The median selling price jumped to $245,660, from $190,000 in October 2019, for a 29 percent increase. Year-to-date, the median selling price rose 19 percent.

While October wasn't able to surpass September's amount of homes sold in the region, the average selling prices continued to increase as buyers posted larger-than-normal bids.

Compared to September selling prices, the October average selling price was 13 percent higher and the median selling price was 12 percent higher.

The total dollar volume increased by 88 percent in October compared to September.

The Southwest Michigan housing inventory has subsequently dropped by 30 percent each month for the last three months.

At the end of October, the local market had 1,034 houses for sale – a 38 percent decline from 1,675 houses in October 2019. This gave the market a 4.3-month supply of houses for potential homebuyers.

By comparison, there were 3,385 houses for sale across the region in October 2010.

Locally, the October mortgage rate was 3.02, down slightly from 3.11 in September. Last year in October, the rate was 3.87. Nationally, the Freddie Mac mortgage rate in October was 2.81, down from 2.88 in September for a 30-year conventional mortgage.

Across the country

According to the National Association of Realtors, existing-home sales continued to trend upward in October, marking five consecutive months of month-over-month gains.

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Lake gulls gather along Silver Beach earlier this week in St. Joseph, perhaps bracing for the coming winter months.

CDC pleads with Americans to not travel for Thanksgiving

By MIKE STOBBE and HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
Associated Press

Charles Rex Arbogast / AP

A lone pedestrian walks past a public service sign reminding Chicago residents of the return to a stricter COVID-19 protocol along the city's usually busy Magnificent Mile on Wednesday.

NEW YORK — With the coronavirus surging out of control, the nation's top public health agency pleaded with Americans on Thursday not to travel for Thanksgiving and not to spend the holiday with people from outside their household.

It was some of the firmest guidance yet from the government on curtailing traditional gatherings to fight the outbreak.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued the recommendations just one week before Thanksgiving, at a time when diagnosed infections, hospitalizations and deaths are skyrocketing across the country. In many areas, the health care system is being squeezed by a combination of sick patients filling up beds and medical workers falling ill themselves.

The CDC's Dr. Erin Sauber-Schatz cited more than 1 million new cases in the U.S. over the past week as the reason for the new guidance.

"The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is at home with the people in your household," she said.

If families do decide to include returning college students, military members or others for turkey and stuffing, the CDC is recommending that the hosts take added precautions: Gatherings should be outdoors if possible, with people keeping 6 feet apart and wearing masks and just one person serving the food.

Whether Americans heed the warning is another matter. The deadly comeback by the virus has been blamed in part on pandemic fatigue, or people getting tired of masks and other precautions. And surges were seen last summer after Memorial Day and July Fourth, despite blunt warnings from health authorities.

The United States has seen more than 11 million diagnosed infections and over 250,000 deaths from the coronavirus. CDC scientists believe that somewhere around 40 percent of people who are infected do not have obvious symptoms but can still spread the virus.

Also on Thursday, Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo announced what she called a "two-week pause" with some businesses closures and capacity reduced for restaurants and houses of worship starting Nov. 30. She said officials will re-evaluate COVID-19 caseloads on Dec. 13. If they haven't eased by then, she said "a full state lockdown" will follow.

And New Hampshire's Republican Gov. Chris Sununu, who previously resisted calls for a statewide

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Prosecutor outlines new expungement laws

New laws starting in April allow more opportunity to wipe slate clean

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Beginning in April it will be easier for people with a criminal record to get more convictions set aside.

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But Michigan's new expungement laws, wrapped in a package of bills called the Clean Slate Package, is complicated. The legislation was passed and signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer earlier this year and takes effect April 11, 2021.

As prosecutors, lawyers and judges sort through the new laws, Berrien County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Steve Pierangeli broke down the seven bills in the package in a presentation by Zoom on Thursday to the Berrien County Bar Association.

Under the current law, people can petition to the court to have one felony or up to two misdemeanors wiped from their records after a certain period of time, and whether to grant the expungement is up to a judge.

Beginning in April, people can petition to have an unlimited number of misdemeanors and up to three felonies expunged, and some expungements will be automatic. The exception is there can be no more than two assaultive crimes, whether misdemeanor or felony, expunged.

Some crimes cannot be expunged, such as an

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Trump summons Michigan GOP leaders for extraordinary meeting

By ED WHITE, DAVID EGGERT and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

DETROIT — President Donald Trump summoned Michigan's Republican legislative leaders to the White House for an extraordinary meeting Friday amid a long shot GOP push to subvert the democratic process that handed the battleground state to Democrat Joe Biden.

Two people familiar with the matter told The Associated Press that Trump invited Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and House Speaker Lee Chatfield. They agreed to go, according to a state official aware of the leaders' plans. The two officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were discussing private conversations.

It was not immediately clear what the meeting would be about. Neither Shirkey nor Chatfield commented.

Trump's campaign is openly floating the notion of trying to get friendly state legislatures to appoint electors who would overturn the will of the voters. If Trump succeeds in convincing Michigan's state board of canvassers not to certify Biden's victory in the state, state lawmakers could be called on to select electors, but such a brazen move would be unprecedented and possibly illegal. It would be certain to draw a swift legal challenge.

Both Shirkey and Chatfield have indicated that they will not try to overturn Biden's win.

"Michigan law does not include a provision for the Legislature to directly

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Heading into holidays, U.S. COVID-19 testing strained again

By MATTHEW PERRONE and MARION RENAULT
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With coronavirus cases surging and families hoping to gather safely for Thanksgiving, long lines to get tested have reappeared across the U.S. – a reminder that the nation's testing system remains unable to keep pace with the virus.

The delays are happening as the country braces for winter weather, flu season and holiday travel, all of which are expected to amplify a U.S. outbreak that has already swelled past 11.5 million cases and 250,000 deaths.

Laboratories warned that continuing shortages of key supplies are likely to create more bottlenecks and delays, especially as cases rise across the nation and people rush to get tested before reuniting with relatives.

"As those cases increase, demand increases and turnaround times may increase," said Scott Becker, CEO of the Association of Public Health Laboratories. "So it's like a dog chasing its tail."

Lines spanned multiple city blocks at testing sites across New York City this week, leaving people waiting three or more hours before they could even enter health clinics. In Los Angeles, thousands lined up outside Dodger Stadium for drive-thru testing.

"This is insane," said 39-year-old Chaunta Renaud as she entered her fourth hour waiting to enter a so-called rapid testing site in Brooklyn on Tuesday. Renaud and her husband planned to get tested before Thanksgiving, when they will drive to pick up her mother for the holiday. "We got tested before and it wasn't anything like this," she said.

On the one hand, the fact that testing problems are only now emerging – more than a month into the latest virus surge – is a testament to the country's increased capacity.

The U.S. is testing over 1.5 million people per day on average, more than double the rate in July, when many Americans last faced long lines.

But experts like Johns Hopkins University researcher Gigi Gronvall said the U.S. is still falling far short of what's needed to control the virus.

Gronvall said the current testing rate "is on its way, but it's nowhere close to what's needed to shift the course of this epidemic." Many experts have called for anywhere between 4 million and 15 million daily tests to suppress the virus.

Trump administration officials estimate the U.S. has enough tests this month to screen between 4 million and 5 million people a day. But that doesn't fully reflect real-world conditions. The tests used at most testing sites rely on specialized chemicals and equipment that have been subject to chronic shortages for months.

Adm. Brett Giroir, the U.S. official overseeing testing, downplayed reports of lines and delays earlier this week. In some cases, he said, lines are caused by a lack of scheduling by testing locations, which should stagger appointments.

"I'm sure that is going to happen from time to time, but we're aggressively helping states in any way that we can if there are those kinds of issues," Giroir said Monday.

Marguerite Wynter, 28, stood in line for more than two hours to get a test Monday at a Chicago site. She plans on flying to see her mother in Massachusetts for Thanksgiving and staying through Christmas. Massachusetts requires visitors to quarantine for two weeks or show proof of a negative test.

"It's just more to be safe being around my family," Wynter said. "It's just to have peace of mind to know that I'm OK."

In California, health officials have given mixed messages about whether residents should get tested before the holiday.

San Francisco's Department of Emergency Management warned that people should not use a test to determine if they can travel. But Contra Costa County, across the bay, suggested anyone insistent on gathering with friends or relatives should get tested.

On Tuesday, federal regulators authorized the first rapid coronavirus test that can be done at home. It delivers results in 30 minutes and will cost roughly $50. But the test kit from Lucira Health will be available by prescription only, and it won't be rolled out nationally until the spring.

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Trump, allies make frantic steps to overturn Biden victory

By COLLEEN LONG, ZEKE MILLER, JILL COLVIN and DAVID EGGERT
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and his allies are taking increasingly frantic steps to subvert the results of the 2020 election, including summoning state legislators to the White House as part of a longshot bid to overturn Joe Biden's victory.

Among other last-ditch tactics: personally calling local election officials who are trying to rescind their certification votes in Michigan, suggesting in a legal challenge that Pennsylvania set aside the popular vote there and pressuring county officials in Arizona to delay certifying vote tallies.

Election law experts see it as the last, dying gasps of the Trump campaign and say Biden is certain to walk into the Oval Office come January. But there is great concern that Trump's effort is doing real damage to public faith in the integrity of U.S. elections.

"It's very concerning that some Republicans apparently can't fathom the possibility that they legitimately lost this election," said Joshua Douglas, a law professor at the University of Kentucky who researches and teaches election law.

"We depend on democratic norms, including that the losers graciously accept defeat," he said. "That seems to be breaking down."

Trump's own election security agency has declared the 2020 presidential election to have been the most secure in history. Days after that statement was issued, Trump fired the agency's leader.

The increasingly desperate and erratic moves have no reasonable chance of changing the outcome of the 2020 election, where Biden has now received more votes than any other presidential candidate in history and has clinched the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win.

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Scientists Stunned After Shocking Discovery Reveals True Cause of Fatigue

New research finds unlikely source for why some seniors have an endless supply of energy

Royal Palm Beach, FL – For the millions of American's suffering from fatigue there is finally hope.

A new study reveals our energy levels don't have to decline with age.

Published by the *National Institutes of Health*, this peer-reviewed study caused shockwaves in the scientific community. That's because it runs counter to everything scientists have believed about energy levels and aging for years. But the evidence is undeniable.

According to the research, which analyzed 142 scientific papers, the key to gaining more energy with age lies inside our cells — in our mitochondria.

Mitochondria play a critical role in generating metabolic energy. They are responsible for converting the food we eat into energy we can use. A paper published by the *Department of Cell and Developmental Biology* even called them "the gatekeepers of cell death," because of how vital they are to the survival of our cells.

However as we age, the number of our mitochondria declines. In addition, the mitochondria become susceptible to DNA damage, decreased in function, oxidative stress and even mutations. All of which results in excess fatigue, accelerated aging and poor health.

But thanks to this study, America's No. 1 anti-aging doctor has been able to develop a new, all-natural solution that helps seniors increase the number of their mitochondria, so they can rewind the clock on old age.

"By taking this one compound you can quickly restore the mitochondria inside your cells," explains Dr. Al Sears – founder and director of the world-renowned Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine.

"And, once your mitochondria levels are restored, you will have so much energy that you will feel decades younger."

Unique Discovery Restores Mitochondria

For more than 20 years, Dr. Sears has been considered America's No.1 anti-aging pioneer. He has authored over 500 scientific papers and has appeared on dozens of media outlets including ABC News, CNN, Lifetime, and many more.

Now, his latest discovery — a unique molecule that restores mitochondria inside cells — is taking America by storm. Seniors all across the country are stocking up on this new, all-natural energy-booster.

Sold under the name ***Ultra Accel II***, this advanced formula allows users to experience the type of energy they'd expect from a 20-year-old. And, those who've been lucky enough to get their hands on ***Ultra Accel II*** are seeing remarkable, almost unbelievable results.

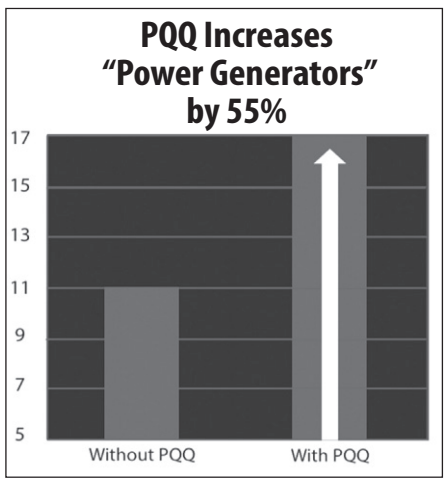
As John H., from Bradenton, Florida reports: "I'm a 70-year-old man and I've been taking ***Ultra Accel II*** for 2 ½ months. On a recent treadmill test, I was told that I did as well as several patients tested who were in their 20s."

As Karyn E. from Palm Beach, Florida says "I noticed more energy within 24 hours of taking Ultra Accel. I was thrilled to have all that extra strength and endurance. Then after a few months, I ran out and within a week, all that extra energy disappeared. Now, I'll never be without ***Ultra Accel II***."

Study Confirms 100% Success Rate

Scientists recently gathered a group of men and women suffering from high levels of fatigue.

Over an eight-week period they gave the subjects a daily dose of ***Ultra Accel II***'s core compound. The results? All of the participants felt a significant improvement in energy levels. And the study reported a 100% success rate in boosting the energy levels of those suffering from fatigue.



That's because PQQ (CoQ10's more powerful cousin) — the core ingredient in ***Ultra Accel II*** — is the only natural molecule that can increase the number of mitochondria — the power generators inside your cells.

In one study, mice fed PQQ increased the number of mitochondria in their cells by more than 55%, in only eight weeks.

In addition to feeling more energized, users often report feeling mentally younger, with fewer "senior moments" and brain fog. That's because the key compound has been shown to stimulate the production of NGF, which helps trigger the growth of new brain cells.

"I've been taking ***Ultra Accel II*** continuously for over 12 months and I've found my energy levels to be as high or higher with less exercise. People can't believe I turn 50 this year," reports Wayne L.

And Jerry M. says he "noticed a difference within a few days... my endurance doubled. I love it. There really is something about ***Ultra Accel II*** that I can FEEL. It's not just in your body either. You can feel it mentally, too. This is something I'll be taking for a long time."

Demand For Ultra Accel II Soars

"For too long, millions of Americans have suffered the life-ruining effects of fatigue and lethargy," says Dr. Sears when asked about the remarkable success of ***Ultra Accel II***.

"Until now, there's never been a science-backed solution that actually works and guarantees real results," continued Dr. Sears, "but with the release of ***Ultra Accel II*** that all changes and now you can unlock an endless supply of all-day energy, at any age."

Due to the unprecedented demand and recent media exposure, people are struggling to get their hands on this low cost, prescription-free energy booster.

However, through our partnership with the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine we've managed to secure a small supply exclusively for readers of this publication. For the next 48 hours only we've able to offer a special discounted supply of ***Ultra Accel II***.

How To Try It Risk-Free

Ultra Accel II is not available in any store at any price.

The only way to get this potent energy booster is by calling the Sears Health Hotline at 1-800-395-9649 within the next 48 hours and taking advantage of this special offer.

Dr. Sears is so confident in this product he's protecting customers with a 100% money-back guarantee on every order. "Just send back the unused bottles within 90 days of purchase, and I'll refund every penny of your purchase price," he adds.

The Hotline will be taking orders for the next 48 hours only. After that, the number will be shut down allowing them to restock.

Call 1-800-395-9649 to secure your limited supply of ***Ultra Accel II***. It's completely safe and no prescription is required. Those who call within the first 24-hours qualify for a significant discount. To take advantage of this great offer use Promo Code NP1120PMAX396 when you call.

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Community leaders issue COVID-19 plea

Short-term sacrifice called for

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Area community leaders joined together Thursday to send a letter to the community asking for its support in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

The letter, printed in Thursday's Herald-Palladium, was supported by Berrien County, including its health department and sheriff's office, Cornerstone Alliance, I&M (and Cook Nuclear Plant), Kinexus Group, the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, Spectrum Health Lakeland, United Way of Southwest Michigan and Whirlpool Corp.

"COVID-19 will not take a break for the season and neither can we. We all have a shared responsibility to wear masks, maintain social distance, and sanitize hands and surfaces," the letter said.

In encouraged people to shop local and support small businesses.

"Our response is more effective if we are united in our efforts to face this virus together," the letter said. "Our collective action can control the severity of COVID-19; with immediate action we can help save lives and keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed, allow our schools to remain open, and keep workers employed."

The letter continued: "As we continue to battle this pandemic, we ask that you join us in making short-term sacrifices for the long-term vision of a stronger, healthier community and economy."

Latest numbers

Six new COVID-19 deaths were reported in Berrien County on Thursday, according to state data. Berrien County had not updated its COVID dashboard as of 5 p.m.

Some of those deaths could be due to a review of death certificate data by the state and didn't necessarily happen Wednesday/Thursday this week.

This pushed the county's death toll past 100, to 102.

In addition, Berrien County recorded 199 new COVID-19 cases Thursday, according to the state data. That's one of the highest one-day totals for new cases, second to the 205 recorded on Monday.

In the last seven days, the county has been averaging about 158 new cases a day.

Updated recovery totals were not available due to the dashboard not being updated.

Spectrum Health Lakeland had 57 COVID-positive patients admitted Thursday morning. That's down two from Wednesday, but still up 10 from last Thursday.

Van Buren/Cass

Van Buren County also saw a huge spike in COVID-19 deaths Thursday, recording five.

That brings the county's death toll to 28, the same as Cass County, which added one additional COVID-19 death Thursday.

Van Buren County added 70 new COVID-19 cases Thursday.

Cass County added 47 new cases.

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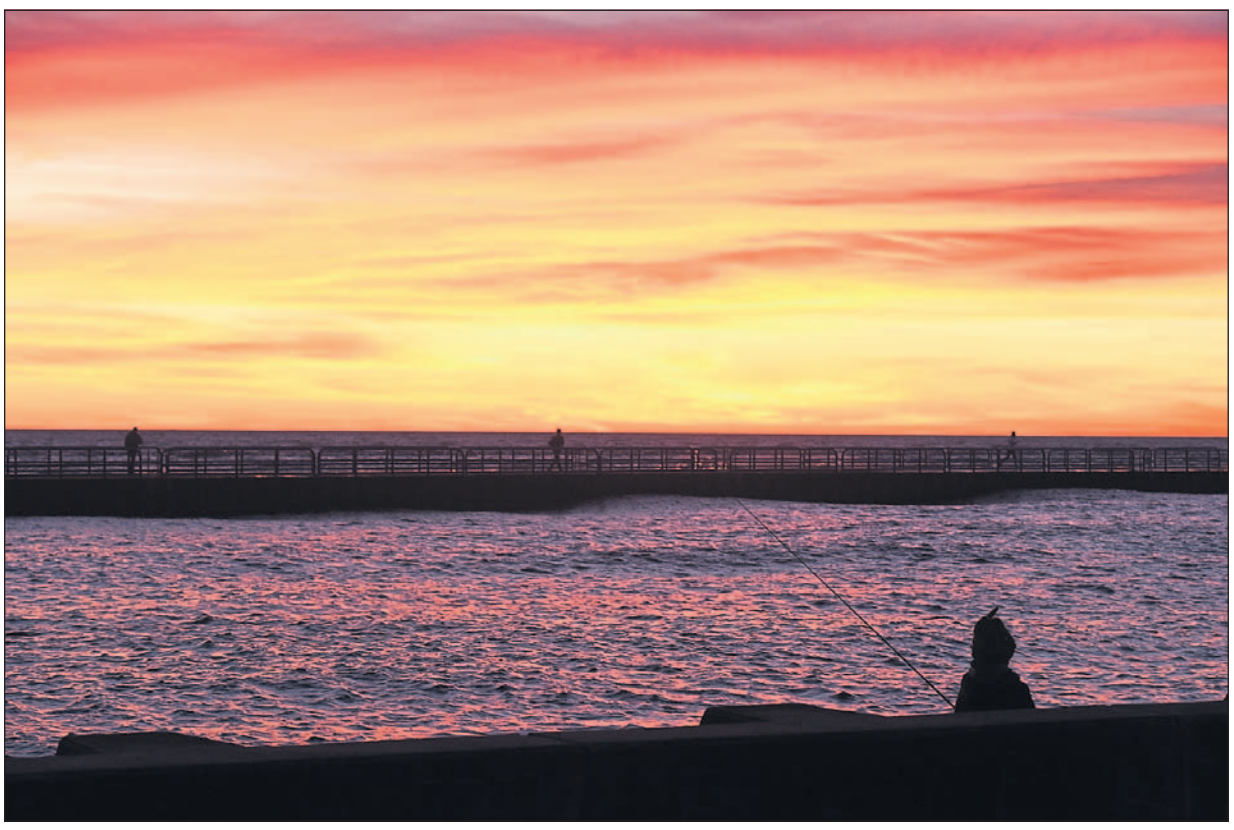

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The sun sets over Lake Michigan and the St. Joseph River channel on Wednesday night in St. Joseph as a fisherman tries his luck.

BERRIEN COUNTY

Board OKs 2% raise for elected officials

Wage hike benefits them, 6 full-time positions

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County commissioners on a 10-2 vote approved giving themselves and six elected officials in countywide seats a 2 percent raise in 2021, and again in 2022.

But it wasn't without some controversy.

Commissioners Bill Chickering and Teri Freehling said they support giving the raise in 2021, but no one knows what will happen in the county financially next year, so they voted against the raises.

County officials said that the decrease in revenue sharing from the state due to the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't hit the county hard so far due to federal CARES Act money. But they said no one knows what will happen next year.

"As we all know, we are all very much up in the air in terms of budgets, etc.," Chickering said. "... Who knows what kind of increases can be afforded in 2022."

Board Chairman Mac Elliott said it would cost the county about $20,000 annually to give the raises – $16,000 for the six countywide seats and $3,500 for the 12 commissioners. The countywide seats include the prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, drain commissioner, treasurer and register of deeds.

Chickering said he's not against the raise for financial reasons.

"What I'm raising ... is as much a public perception, an employee perception, as anything else," he said.

Chickering said they don't know if they will be able to give the county employees a raise in 2022.

"I think that in the exercise of financial caution, it makes sense ... to treat that as a personnel expense that cuts across all of the county together," he said.

Elliott said the county's attorney sent him an email stating that elected officials can only approve raises for themselves between the election and Dec. 31, to take effect in January, meaning that they would be unable to approve a raise for themselves next year, since they are elected for two years.

Shelley Jasper, county human resources director, said that even if they approved the raise for 2022, it could be rescinded later if the county's financial status declined. She said that almost 20 years ago, the elected full-time positions came to the county board and asked to forego their raises because the county was facing financial difficulties.

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IN BRIEF

Police arrest bank robbery suspect in Niles

NILES — Niles police have arrested a suspect in an armed robbery at a bank Thursday.

Police are withholding the name of the 52-year-old Niles man, pending formal charges of armed robbery.

Police were called at 1:37 p.m. Thursday to the TCF Bank at 407 E. Main St. on a report of an armed robbery.

The suspect left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money, and no one was injured, police said.

According to police, the suspect was located a short distance away thanks to cooperation between citizens, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department and Niles police.

Sodus church looks to give away more holiday meals

BENTON HARBOR — New Bethel Baptist Church in Sodus Township is looking for a few more families to give free Thanksgiving meals to.

"We were blessed this year to be able to purchase 300 full Thanksgiving baskets," he said.

But he said that only 75 people have signed up to receive baskets.

He said he donated 100 of the baskets to other charities, but still has more to give away.

People interested in receiving a basket can call the church between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. today at 927-3902.

The baskets will be distributed between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. He said the baskets will be handed out in a way to diminish the chances of spreading COVID-19. People are asked to pop their trunks open when they drive up to the church to the basket can be placed in their trunks.

He said they include all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner, including a turkey, along with a smoke detector.

Whitmer warns against Thanksgiving gatherings

LANSING (AP) — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Thursday repeated her plea to Michigan residents to limit gatherings at Thanksgiving and keep loved ones safe.

Whitmer's appeal came as the state health department reported 7,592 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus and 134 deaths, including 61 that were added after a records review.

"We're preserving future holiday gatherings together by taking this seriously now, by not gathering with people outside of your household this Thanksgiving," Whitmer said. "It is an act of kindness and love."

Instead of joining the crowds that come with Black Friday shopping, the governor encouraged residents to buy from small local businesses.

"If you walk into a business and they're not wearing masks and not looking out for your safety, I encourage you to walk out," Whitmer said.

Thursday was the second day of a three-week shutdown of indoor dining at restaurants and bars, the Whitmer administration's latest strategy to reduce spread of the virus. In-person classes at high schools and colleges are also prohibited, and casinos, theaters and exercise classes are closed.

Kelly Stafford, the wife of Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, posted a social media video opposed to "dictatorship," though she later apologized, saying she knows struggling business owners and was "caught up in the heat of the moment."

2nd member of family dies after Toll Road crash

Pastor remembers Christine Strain

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Christine Strain was a kind-hearted woman who loved her kids, her family, Jesus and her church.

Those were among the words the Rev. William Shepard, children and families pastor at the First Church of God in St. Joseph, used to describe Strain. She died Tuesday, weeks after an accident on the Indiana Toll Road in October claimed the life of her son, Lukas Strain.

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Strain's husband, Jeffery Strain, continues to recover, Shepard said.

"Christine was an amazing, brilliant and tremendously caring woman who was always willing to help, care for and serve others," the pastor said in a phone interview Thursday. "She epitomized what it means to be a follower of Christ."

At the church, Strain served as the director of Vacation Bible School and one of the directors of the Little Kids Zone program.

"She was very involved in everything centered around children's ministries," Shepard said. "She was a very special lady and someone who will be very, very much missed."

The pastor declined to share names of others whose lives Strain had touched.

"There are just way, way too many, and I cannot choose. She wouldn't want that. She was never into being a story," he said. "I loved my family and I served Jesus is all she would want to say."

The crash that claimed the life of Lukas Strain happened the afternoon of Oct. 8 in the eastbound lanes of the Indiana Toll Road near Elkhart. Jeffery, 56, and Christine, 49, were in the front seat of their Subaru and Lukas, 17, was in the back seat when a Mack truck towing a tanker trailer, driven by Donta Johns, 37, of Chicago, slowed and the Strain's vehicle hit the back of it. All three family members were flown from the scene to Memorial Hospital in South Bend, where Lukas died.

He was a popular Lakeshore High School student who was involved in the Math & Science Center, Key Club, and National Honor Society and Robotics, and had been a member of the high school JV soccer team.

Christine Strain worked for 28 years for Whirlpool Corp., most recently as a structural engineer.

A Celebration of Life Service for her will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Church of God on Niles Avenue in St. Joseph, with Rev. Shepard officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 6-8 p.m. today, also at the church.

Masks and social distancing will be required at the visitation and funeral service.

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Embattled Shoreham clerk steps down

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

SHOREHAM — Shoreham Clerk Debra Trapikas resigned Wednesday night via a statement read by her husband, President Bruno Trapikas.

She gave no reason for the resignation.

Wednesday was also the last time Bruno Trapikas chaired a meeting as president. When contacted by phone after the meeting, he said that President Pro Tem Reneta Mais, who won the president's seat earlier this month, is expected to be sworn in to chair the meeting in December.

He said that they also hired two interim attorneys – Matt Derby and Mitt Drew.

Meanwhile, Mais said after the meeting that the forensic audit looking into possible financial mismanagement by Bruno and Debra Trapikas is expected to be done soon and may be presented during the December meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16. It will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instructions regarding how to join the meeting will be posed on the village's website, www.shorehamvillagemi.org.

In her resignation letter, Debra Trapikas said that during her five years as clerk, she has helped renovate the village hall, offered the residents more services and formed an events committee.

Other members of the council have accused Debra and Bruno Trapikas of not operating transparently, especially with regard to village expenditures over the last couple of years.

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THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with each venue for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

26th annual Luminary Festival: 5-8 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Lake Michigan College presents "The Pajama Game": 7:30 p.m., livestreamed; $15, free for LMC faculty, staff and students; 927-8876 or www.showtix4u.com/event-details/42146, 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

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While this year's event won't include lighted bags lining the street, the 26th annual Luminary Festival is still planned for tonight in downtown St. Joseph. Winter lights and holiday music will be the feature of this year's festival.

SATURDAY

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents Into the Woods: 4:20 p.m. (watch party), 7 p.m. (talkback session with co-author James Lapine); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

"The Pajama Game": see today

SUNDAY

"The Pajama Game": 3 p.m., see today

NOV. 27

Virtual Trivia Night with Twin City Players: 7 p.m., online via Crowdpurr; $10 per screen; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org

NOV. 28

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents Les Misérables: 11 a.m. (watch party), 2 p.m. (talkback session with director Laurence Connor); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

DEC. 1

"Michigan Owls" with Andrew Nowicki: 6:30 p.m., online via Zoom; free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com, zoom.us/j/91013492617

DEC. 3

The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center Fall Lecture Series presents "The Jewish Heritage of Southwest Michigan": 6:30 p.m., online via Zoom; free; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

DEC. 4

Virtual party with "2020 Members' Shows: Inspired By ..." artists: 5-5:45 p.m., via Zoom; free (Krasl Art Center members only); 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Window Wonderland: 7-8:30 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

DEC. 5

Kickoff to Christmas (tree lighting and drive-in screening of "A Charlie Brown Christmas"): 5:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville; free; 429-5141 or www.stpaulswels.org

DEC. 6

"Hark the Glad Sound" (band and choir concert) and Virtual Christmas Pops Concert: noon, online via Michigan Lutheran High School's YouTube page (MLHS Titans); free; 429-7861 or www.michiganlutheran.org

Monday Musical Club's 89th annual Holiday Vesper Service: 3:45 p.m., livestreamed at boxcast.tv/view/monday-musical-vespers-837182; free; www.mmcmi.org

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents Peter Pan: 5:10 p.m. (watch party), 7 p.m. (talkback session with starring actress Cathy Rigby); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

DEC. 10

Coffee with the Curator (virtual tour of "2020 Members' Show" exhibit): noon, via Krasl Art Center's Facebook page; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Trivia Night: 7-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

The Bergamot's holiday concert watch party: 8 p.m., online via The Acorn Theater's YouTube page; free; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org, www.youtube.com/c/theAcorn

DEC. 11

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

DEC. 12

The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents Kinky Boots: 4:50 p.m. (watch party), 7 p.m. (talkback session with choreographer Jerry Mitchell); via Zoom; $10 suggested donation or $25 for 3-month BroadwayHD subscription; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Christmas at The Acorn with Bryan Lubeck and Ted Yoder: 8 p.m., livestreamed via The Acorn Theater's Facebook page; free; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org, www.facebook.com/AcornTheater

Langdon Kennedy: 8-11 p.m., Dockside Dan's Bar & Grill, 94376 CR 690, Sister Lakes; 424-5434 or www.docksidedans.com

DEC. 13

Jim Cooper: 4-6 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

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Illustrations by Mishawaka, Ind., artist Dave Rozmarynowski are among the items for sale in this year's Mistletoe Market hosted by the South Haven Center for the Arts. This year's market is completely virtual.

Just for Fun Entertainment presents Christmas in the Heartland with Tim Dudley, Sid Ottman and Jeff Roberts: 4:30 p.m., Amvets Post 1978, 1117 E. Bertrand Road, Niles; $10, limited seating; 574-229-6695 or 362-4908

DEC. 14

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Vocal Christmas Concert: 7 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

DEC. 15

Author talk with Karen Dionne: 6 p.m., via Zoom; free; 465-3663 or bridgmanlibrary.com

Steve Michaels: 6-9 p.m., Lehman's Farmhouse, 204 N. Red Bud Trail, Buchanan; 362-4063 or www.lehmansfarmhouse.com

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Instrumental Christmas Concert: 7 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

DEC. 17

Artist talks with "2020 Members' Show" artists: 6:30-7 p.m. ("Inspired by ... People"), 7:15-7:45 p.m. ("Inspired by ... Place"), 8-8:30 p.m. ("Inspired by ... Objects"), virtual; free, limited space, registration required; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speakers Series presents "Mental Health 'Pandemic' – The Crisis Within the Crisis": 7 p.m., online; free (1 device per ticket); 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

ART EXHIBITS

"My Library is a Garden" by Mark Rospenda: through Saturday, **"The ABC's of DOG" by Kathleen Petitjean:** through Nov. 29, **2020 Pop-Up Gift Market:** Nov. 28-Dec. 6, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"To the Polls: Elections & Politics in Berrien County": through Sunday, open by appointment only, History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

"Series 5" featuring "Head Menhirs" by Michelle Corazzo, "From the Ashes" by Carly Norris, "Heavy Like Floating" by Nicole Brown, "Nature Abstracted" by Maggie Bandstra and **"Objections: Democracy Under Pressure 2015-" by Vicki VanAmeyden:** through Nov. 29, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass" and **"Shelter-in-Place" (virtual and in-person by appointment):** through Nov. 29, **"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ...":** Dec. 4-Jan. 10, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

South Haven Center for the Arts' 35th Annual Mistletoe Market (virtual): through Dec. 23; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org/virtual

"You Won't Part With Yours Either: Robert Perine and the Fender Guitar, 1957-1969": through Jan. 20; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org

FILM

Virtual screenings: "Blindfire": price yet to be set; **"Citizens of the World":** $10; **"Chuck Leavell: The Tree Man":** $12; **"Radium Girls":** $12 for 7-day rental; **"Martin Eden":** $12 for 5 days; **"The Keeper":** $12; **"Herb Alpert Is":** $12; **"RGB":** $6.99 (to own); **"A Chef's Voyage":** $10, Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

The Pumpkin House: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through Nov. 29 (closed Thanksgiving); Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; free with regular admission ($10, $7 seniors and students with ID, $5 military and ages 5-17; free members and ages 4 and younger); 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

Light Up the Bluff: all day, Dec. 5-Feb. 14, Lake Bluff Park, Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph; free; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

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Krasl's Members' Show exhibit to debut Dec. 4

Art center open by appointment only during shutdown

ST. JOSEPH — Though temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Krasl Art Center has announced information about its upcoming Members' Show exhibit.

"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." will open Dec. 4 and remain on view through Jan. 10.

The Krasl is offering limited, appointment-based access to its current and future exhibits and The Shop until it resumes public hours on Dec. 11. To schedule a visit, email curatorial@krasl.org.

"Inspired By ..." will showcase the work of Krasl member artists, and the people, places and objects that have influenced their work. Member artists are invited to display one artwork created within the past two years that addresses the theme.

All media will be accepted, and artists of every skill set are encouraged to submit works for this annual celebration of local talent.

Artists can register for the exhibit during artwork drop-off from Nov. 27-30.

The in-person opening celebration for the exhibit has been canceled, but a virtual members' party for participating artists is still planned for 5-5:45 p.m. Dec. 4 via Zoom.

Other events associated with the exhibit are:

- Noon Dec. 10: Virtual Coffee with the Curator, via Facebook, with Krasl artists and Curator Tami Miller
- 6:30, 7:15 and 8 p.m. Dec. 17: Virtual "Inspired By" artists talks on the topics of people, places and objects
- Noon Thursdays: Live at Lunchtime, via Facebook, with exhibiting artists
- 11 a.m. Jan. 9: Inspiring Your Audience, a virtual workshop via Zoom for Krasl members, with El Ronan

All events are subject to change based on federal and state health department recommendations. Event updates will be posted on the Krasl Art Center's Facebook page.

For more information, or to register for some events, visit krasl.org.

Mental health topic of next virtual Econ Club speakers series event

BENTON HARBOR — The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speakers Series, hosted by The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College, will present "Mental Health 'Pandemic' – The Crisis Within the Crisis" at 7 p.m. Dec. 17.

COVID-19, the election, an uncertain economy, unemployment, inequalities in access to health care – 2020 has presented the perfect storm of life-changing events that impact everyone.

Beneath the headlines, though, is a lesser mentioned challenge affecting a growing number of individuals: mental health issues.

Two regional mental health professionals, Dr. Bernice Patterson and Tasha Turner, will discuss what we're facing, what the latest research shows about isolation in relation to mental health, and early indicators that someone is moving from normal reactions to stress into a mental health concern.

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They will discuss methods for reducing and handling stress, and local resources available to preserve and improve mental health.

Patterson is a psychologist, speaker, consultant, preacher, author and trainer. She also is the founder and CEO of Infinity Consultation Group, where she provides interactive trainings on issues like cultural diversity and inclusion, self-care and burnout prevention, and mental health and spirituality.

Her life's work, according to a news release, is to give a voice to the mental and emotional struggles people commonly face, and guide them toward a place of healing and empowerment. She is a believer that you can have Jesus and a therapist, too.

Turner is passionate about educating people on the connection between mental and physical health.

She is a trained sociologist and professional counselor, having a master's degree in both. She is a psychotherapist and independent consultant specializing in trauma and resilience with a particular focus on child and family development.

For the past three years, she has developed a mental health-focused community education curriculum for Spectrum Health Lakeland.

Online passes for the virtual event are free with registration. A pay-what-you-can option to defray the cost of the event also is available.

Passes are available now at www.themendelcenter.com, or by calling 927-8700, option 1.

Registration is required to receive the online access code.

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Michigan wide receiver A.J. Henning (3) rushes around a block by tight end Erick All (83) during the first quarter of Saturday's loss to Wisconsin.

Battling at the bottom

Michigan and Rutgers looking to snap 3-game losing streaks

By TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers has been waiting for the day when its football program is on the same footing with some of the big boys of the Big Ten Conference.

It's happened this year. The Scarlet Knights and Michigan are right there with each other heading into Saturday night's game at SHI Stadium.

Unfortunately, they are near the bottom of the conference standings with 1-3 records and riding three-game losing streaks.

It's the worst start for the Wolverines since 1967, when they began 1-5 and finished 4-6. Surprisingly, there is new hope at Rutgers with Greg Schiano back for a second stint as coach and the team being more competitive.

"We're never going to stop. We're never going to slow down," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "We're never going to feel sorry for ourselves. We're going to keep pushing and keep attacking."

The Wolverines are coming off a 49-11 loss to No. 10 Wisconsin, their most lopsided loss at home since 1935.

Rutgers comes into the game off a disappointing 23-20 loss to Illinois. The Scarlet Knights held a 10-point second-half lead and saw quarterback Noah Vedral throw three second-half interceptions. He might be on a short leash this weekend.

"Some look at the record and it's still the Michigan football team, they're very, very talented, they run very, extremely well," Schiano said. "They've had some injuries to very key players. I don't know what their status will be for this Saturday, but they're a very talented football team. So we certainly have a huge challenge ahead of us, one that we're excited about."

Some things to watch in the game:

Under center

Michigan has started Joe Milton at quarterback in each of its four games this season, but his job is in jeopardy after throwing as many touchdowns (four) as interceptions. He has completed 59 percent of his passes and averaged 242 yards passing. Milton was replaced in last week's loss by Cade McNamara, who seemed to provide a spark as he capped his first drive with a touchdown pass. Harbaugh said the two will compete for the starting job in practice this week.

Melton magic

Rutgers wide receiver Bo Melton scored two touchdowns in his first three seasons. The senior has five in four games this year, four on passes and one on a punt return. The last Scarlet Knight with at least four receiving scores in a season was Andre Patton with five in 2016.

Melton had a career-high 150 yards against against Illinois, including a career-long 66-yard touchdown reception. Has has led the team in receiving yards all four games. He has caught 20 passes for 334 yards, an average of 83.5 yards.

Social distancing

The Wolverines have been criticized on Twitter and elsewhere, and have been encouraged to ignore the comments.

"We talk about every day, even the coaches after practice, they talk about don't worry about what they're saying on social media," defensive back Germon Green said.

Scoring surge

Rutgers has scored at least 20 points in all four games after only reaching the mark five times in its previous 36 Big Ten games, and 12 times in the first 52 league games since joining the conference in 2014.

The last time the Scarlet Knights scored 20 or more points in four consecutive conference games was in 2011 as a member of the Big East. Rutgers has scored 14 touchdowns this season, more than doubling the six it scored in nine conference games last season.

Old ties

Scarlet Knights defensive lineman Michael Dwumfour played in 33 games for Michigan from 2016-19, while linebacker Drew Singleton saw action in seven games for the Wolverines in 2018.

Dwumfour had six tackles in the season opener at Michigan State, including 1 ½ for losses.

NBA's offseason continues with free agency

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

NBA free agency is usually a week-long frenzy. Deals get struck, then teams and players must wait a few days before they can sign those contracts. And from there, a few more months often pass before the player goes to work with his new club.

Not this year.

What promises to be a chaotic free-agent window opens in the NBA at 6 p.m. Eastern on Friday, just a couple days after the NBA draft, a mere 42 hours before signings can begin and about a week and a half before training camps around the league open. Asked what the player-movement landscape might look like in such a compressed timeframe, Philadelphia 76ers President Daryl Morey – looking exhausted early Thursday as the draft was winding down – offered a blunt prediction.

"Completely insane," Morey said.

Deals are expected to start coming quickly Friday evening, and the NBA is investigating whether one – a widely reported sign-and-trade move that would have sent Bogdan Bogdanovic from Sacramento to Milwaukee – happened earlier than league rules allow. A person with knowledge of the matter told The Associated Press on Thursday that the league is probing whether such an agreement existed, because if it did free-agent negotiations with Bogdanovic would have clearly started earlier than permissible.

The person spoke with AP on condition of anonymity because neither the teams nor the league acknowledged the investigation publicly.

Some deals likely won't take long to get done without raising league ire. Anthony Davis of the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers is the biggest name on the free agency board; he turned down his option for this season with the Lakers but isn't expected to go anyplace else.

A likely scenario for Davis is to accept a three-year deal worth that would start at $32.7 million this season and grow each year afterward, with the last year at his option. That way, when he completes his 10th year of service in 2021-22, he can cash in again for an even higher percentage of the salary cap than he would command now.

Gordon Hayward declined his $34 million option for this season with Boston, a person with knowledge told AP on Thursday, and could potentially now be another big name on the move.

More than 100 other NBA players are unrestricted free agents; another 75 or so can be restricted free agents. That's a lot of players, who might be doing a lot of moving, with a season coming up very quickly – and only a few teams have plenty of available salary-cap space to sign players easily.

Plus, teams are still figuring out coronavirus protocols for training camp. Nobody has seen the NBA schedule for a regular season that starts Dec. 22. Preseason games start Dec. 11; those haven't even been announced yet.

It's already hectic, and now free agency will ramp up the fever several more levels.

"With free agency starting as quickly as it does, we have some targets in mind there and we've got some other trade conversations going on as well," said David Griffin, New Orleans' executive vice president of basketball operations.

Really, things have already started. Plenty of names are already on the move, and the trade market is always an option for the teams that can't just go sign a player into nonexistent cap space.

The Lakers already have a new point guard in Dennis Schroder, acquired in a trade with Oklahoma City. The Thunder sent point guard Chris Paul in a trade to Phoenix, and with a brief stopover-on-paper-only in Oklahoma City, Ricky Rubio wound up leaving the Suns and ending up where his NBA career began in Minnesota. A trade has been agreed to that would send Jrue Holiday from New Orleans to Milwaukee, where he'll play with two-time reigning MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, but had not been announced publicly as of Thursday evening.

Al Horford was traded by Philadelphia to the Thunder. The Mavericks got Josh Richardson from the 76ers, in a deal that sent Seth Curry to Philly – where he'll play for new 76ers coach Doc Rivers, who just happens to be Curry's father-in-law.

Houston's star backcourt of scoring champion James Harden and former MVP Russell Westbrook have been mentioned in trade talks. And Golden State may be very active on the trade market now, with the Warriors getting word Thursday that Klay Thompson – who missed last season with a torn ACL – will miss this season with a torn Achilles.

Buchanan players lead all-BCS football team

By HP STAFF

Buchanan's unbeaten regular season led to nine first-team selections and two honorable mentions on the all-Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference team, which was announced recently.

Johnny Rager was named the BCS offensive most valuable player, and teammate Gavin Fazi was chosen as the defensive MVP.

Rager was one of four Bucks on the first-team offense, along with Connor Legault, Blaize Orphanidis, and Jamin Purtha. Other first-team offensive selections included South Haven's Trevor Winkel and Preston Calvert, Niles' Colin Hess, Berrien Springs' Jamal Hailey, Brandywine's Gabe Gouin and Phillip McLaurin, and Comstock's Skylar George.

Fazi was joined on the first-team defense by Buchanan teammates Troy Holloway, Darius Griggs and Keeghan Pelley. Also on the first-team defense were South Haven's Travis Jordan and Xander Willett, Niles' Dakota Hinkle, Berrien Springs' Zeb Bodtke and Marshall McFarland, Brandywine's Cameron Barrier, and Comstock's Kareem Owens.

Buchanan kicker Logan Grwinski was the top special teams player.

Honorable mentions on offense were Berrien Springs' Carsen Pyle, Comstock's Carl Owens, South Haven's Trent Till and Ray Woodall, Brandywine's Michael Palmer and Niles' Chase Andres.

Defensive honorable mention picks were Buchanan's Caleb Stewart and Drew Glavin, Comstock's Corn Shaver and Israel Patterson, Niles' Nick Berry, Carter Hinkle and Julian Means-Flewellen, South Haven's Elliot Williamson, and Brandywine's Michael Palmer and Hunter Heath.

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Indiana defensive back Tiawan Mullen (3) intercepts a pass intended for Michigan State wide receiver Jayden Reed (5) during the first half of Saturday's game.

Maryland-Michigan State canceled after Terps' virus outbreak

By DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press

The Big Ten game Saturday between Maryland and Michigan State has been canceled after a COVID-19 outbreak on the Terrapins resulted in a positive test for coach Michael Locksley.

It's the second straight cancellation for the Terrapins, who were scheduled to face Ohio State last week before several players on the team contracted the coronavirus. Maryland (2-1) has not played since beating Penn State on Nov. 7.

Locksley tested positive for COVID-19 on Wednesday and is isolating at home.

"I am gutted for our team and for our fans," Locksley said in a statement. "This team is eager to play and compete and continue the growth we've seen this season. This virus is testing our players and coaches right now, but I have no doubt that we will emerge as a stronger unit for having gone through this together.

"As for me personally, I am feeling strong, with only minor symptoms. I will continue to lead this program virtually and our game preparations for Indiana (on Nov. 28) will begin immediately."

Over the past seven days, 15 Maryland players have tested positive. There were seven positive cases among staff over that same time period.

Also, No. 24 Louisiana-Lafayette canceled its game against Central Arkansas on Saturday because of positive COVID-19 tests. The university announced that 33 players are in the program's COVID-19 safety protocol, which is a combination of contact tracing, isolation, quarantine and recovering cases.

The Ragin' Cajuns, who clinched the Sun Belt Conference West Division last weekend with a victory over South Alabama, did not practice Tuesday. They plan to resume normal operations Nov. 21 and are next scheduled to face Louisiana-Monroe on Nov. 28.

Overall, 16 out of 62 games involving Bowl Subdivision teams scheduled for this week have been called off. Last week, 15 of the 59 games scheduled were not played.

Also Thursday, Pittsburgh's pandemic-delayed game at Georgia Tech was moved to Dec. 10.

The game, originally scheduled for Nov. 14, was postponed due to problems in both programs with positive COVID-19 tests and contact tracing. The game was rescheduled for Dec. 12 before being pushed back two days to the Thursday night date.

Georgia Tech is off this week after its game at Miami scheduled for Saturday was pushed back to Dec. 19 due to COVID-19 problems in the Miami program.

The novel coronavirus also began creeping into college basketball as three men's teams altered early-season plans.

DePaul canceled its first three games because of a COVID-19 outbreak within the program, the school announced Thursday.

St. Bonaventure and UAlbany also paused men's basketball because of COVID-19 issues, and both teams canceled plans to play in the Mohegan Sun "Bubbleville" games starting next week in Connecticut.

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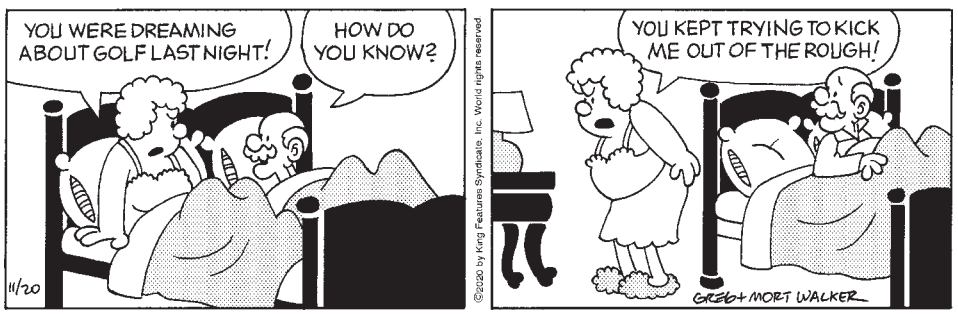
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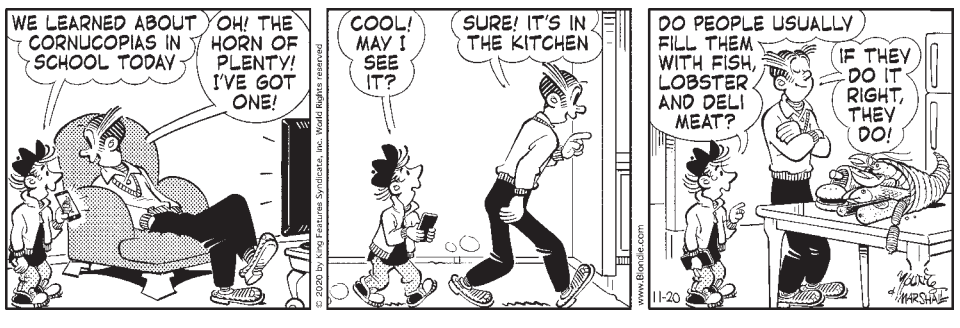
WE LEARNED ABOUT CORNUCOPIAS IN SCHOOL TODAY
OH! THE HORN OF PLENTY! I'VE GOT ONE!
COOL! MAY I SEE IT?
SURE! IT'S IN THE KITCHEN
DO PEOPLE USUALLY FILL THEM WITH FISH, LOBSTER AND DELI MEAT?
IF THEY DO IT RIGHT, THEY DO!
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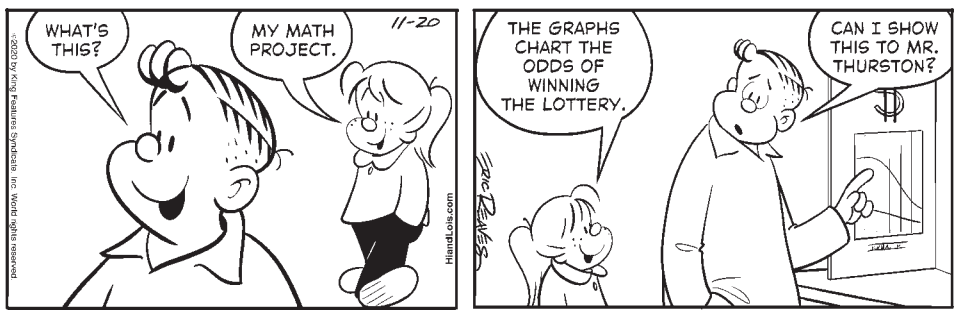
WHAT'S THIS?
MY MATH PROJECT.
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THE GRAPHS CHART THE ODDS OF WINNING THE LOTTERY.
CAN I SHOW THIS TO MR. THURSTON?
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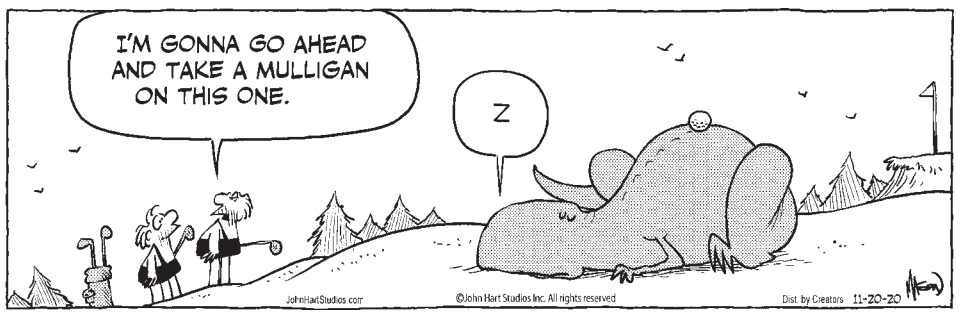
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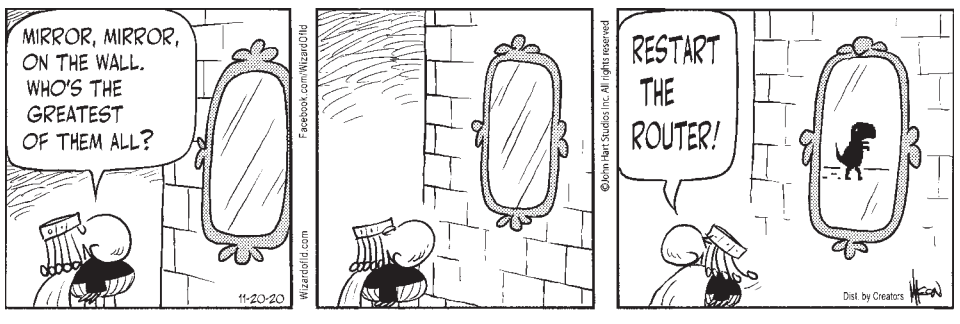

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THEN HOW DO THEIR CLOTHES STAY ON?
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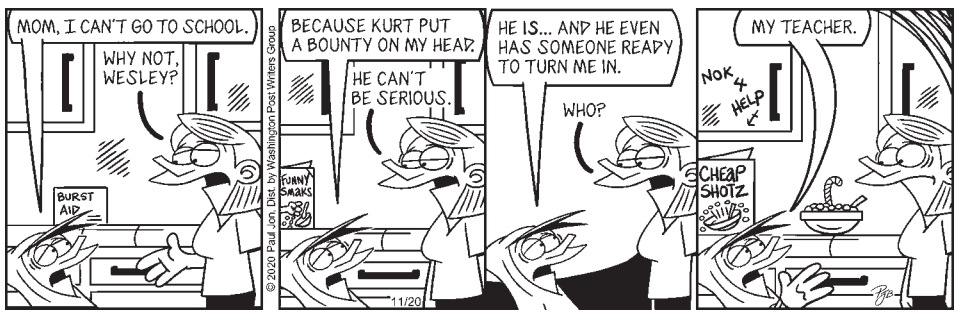
MOM, I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL.
WHY NOT, WESLEY?
BURST AID
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BECAUSE KURT PUT A BOUNTY ON MY HEAD.
HE CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
FUNNY SMAKS
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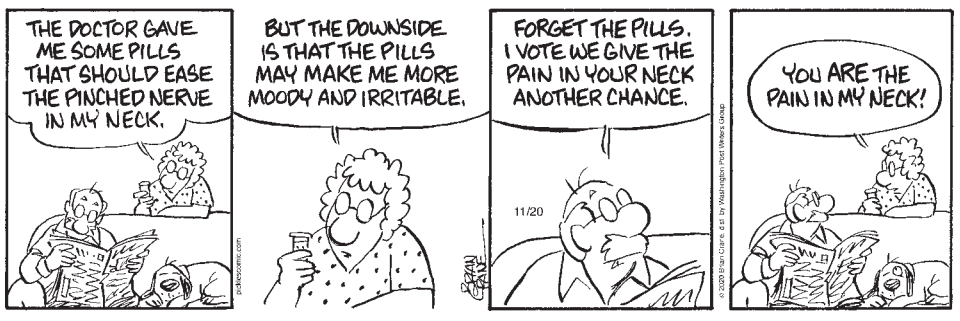
HE IS... AND HE EVEN HAS SOMEONE READY TO TURN ME IN.
WHO?
MY TEACHER.
NOK 4 HELP
CHEAP SHOTZ

PICKLES


THE DOCTOR GAVE ME SOME PILLS THAT SHOULD EASE THE PINCHED NERVE IN MY NECK.
BUT THE DOWNSIDE IS THAT THE PILLS MAY MAKE ME MORE MOODY AND IRRITABLE.
FORGET THE PILLS. I VOTE WE GIVE THE PAIN IN YOUR NECK ANOTHER CHANCE.
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YOU ARE THE PAIN IN MY NECK!
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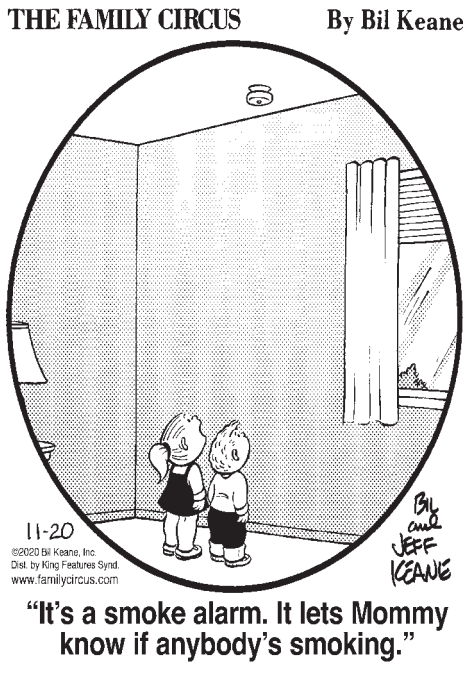
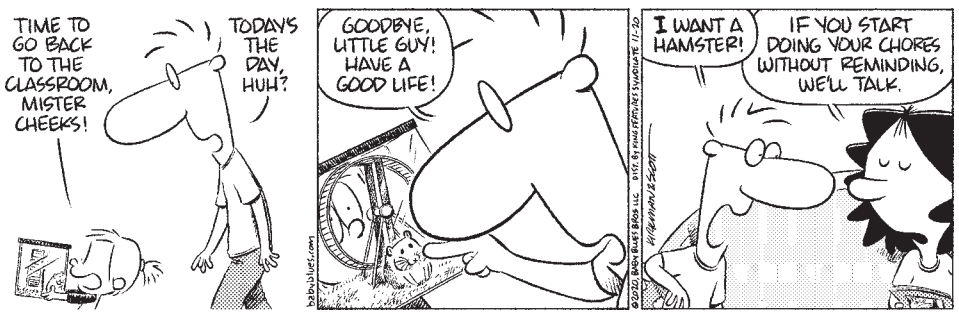
FAMILY CIRCUS



"It's a smoke alarm. It lets Mommy know if anybody's smoking."

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


TIME TO GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM, MISTER CHEEKS!
TODAY'S THE DAY, HUH?
GOODBYE, LITTLE GUY! HAVE A GOOD LIFE!
I WANT A HAMSTER!
IF YOU START DOING YOUR CHORES WITHOUT REMINDING, WE'LL TALK.
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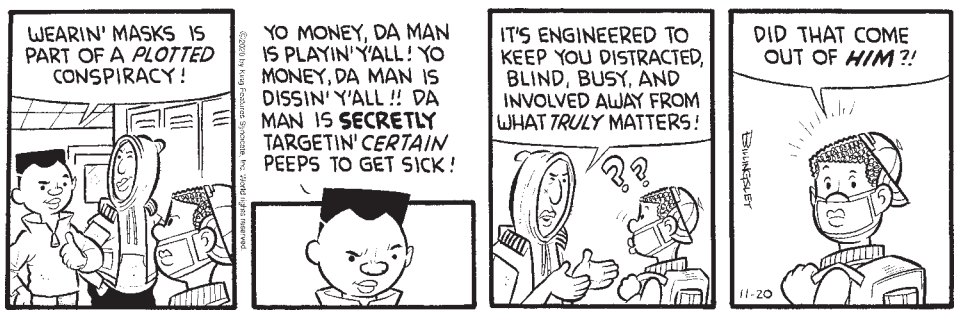
CURTIS


WEARIN' MASKS IS PART OF A PLOTTED CONSPIRACY!
YO MONEY, DA MAN IS PLAYIN' Y'ALL! YO MONEY, DA MAN IS DISSIN' Y'ALL!! DA MAN IS SECRETLY TARGETIN' CERTAIN PEEPS TO GET SICK!
IT'S ENGINEERED TO KEEP YOU DISTRACTED, BLIND, BUSY, AND INVOLVED AWAY FROM WHAT TRULY MATTERS!
DID THAT COME OUT OF HIM?!
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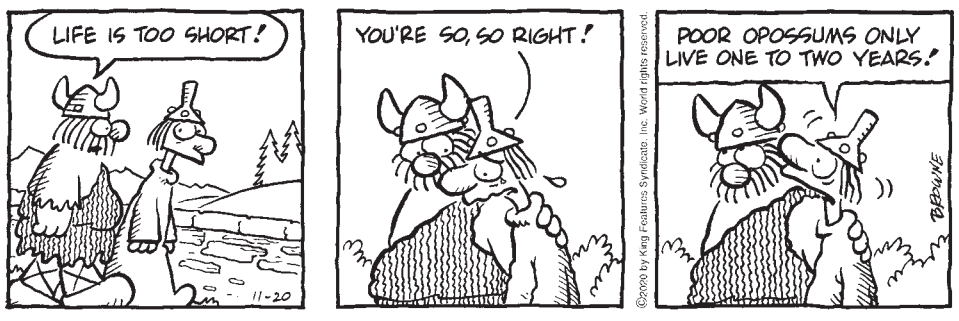
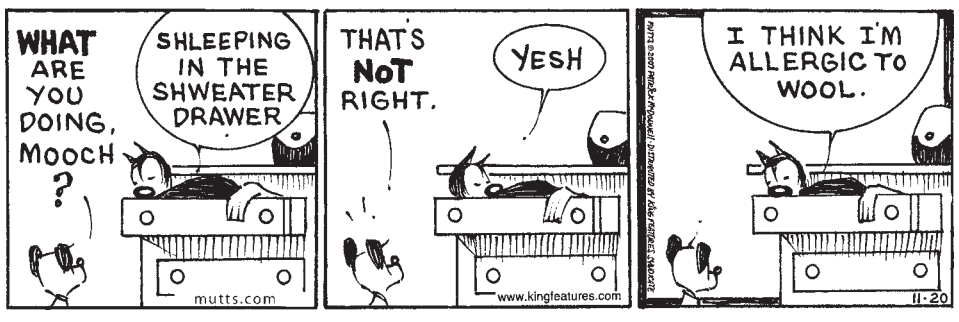
ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

DAD SAID YOU WERE TRYING TO DECORATE THE GARAGE FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER THIS YEAR...
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SO IF YOU NEED SOME EXTRA FLAIR, I CAN GIVE YOU ALL THE TURKEYS I DREW BY TRACING MY HAND IN CLASS YESTERDAY.
HIL, YOU'RE IN EIGHTH GRADE.
I KNOW, BUT WITH STAGGERING START TIMES AND HALF A YEAR OF REMOTE LEARNING, THE EDUCATION SYSTEM HAS TAKEN AN ODD TURN.
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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING NOV. 20

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank (N) CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Save & The & Dam & World"		Magnum P.I. CC		Blue Bloods "Trust" CC (DVS)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Blacklist (N) CC		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Black Journal	Washing-ton Week	Fir-ing-Hoover	Great Performances Stage adaptation of the movie musical. CC			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline The murder of Travis Alexander.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland "The Real Deal" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven "Summer Camp"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48: Shocking Interrogations (N)		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 11.20.20" (N) CC			
AMC	Charlie and the Choc-olate Factory			★★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ('71, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson. CC			
Animal	Monsters	Beast-Kept Secrets		River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)			
BET	Heartbeat	TBA	TBA	To Be Announced		Tyler Perry's Sistas	
Big Ten	College Football Purdue at Minnesota. (N) (L) CC						B1G Live
Bravo	Tokyo Drift	★★ Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC (DVS)				★★ Fast & Furious ('09, Action)	
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	Rick
Cinemax	6:40 Assault on Precinct 13 ('05) CC		★★ The Hunt ('20) Ike Barinholtz. (P). CC			Warrior (N) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
Discovery	Gold Rush: Pay	Gold Rush (N) CC					
Disney	Toy 3	Raven	Just Roll	Jessie	Jessie	Liv-Mad.	Raven
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:15 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00) CC				★★ Burlesque ('10) Cher.		
ESPN	:00 College Football Syracuse at Louisville. (N) (L)					Scores	Football
ESPN2	NFL Live	UFC 255 Countdown		MLS Soccer Inter Miami CF at Nashville SC.			
ESPNC	:00 College Football					College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	High School Football MHSAA: Teams TBA. (N) (L)					High School	
Freefrm	6:50 ★★ Minions ('15) Voices of Sandra Bullock. CC			8:55 ★★ Despicable Me 3 ('17) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig. CC			
FX	:00 ★★★ Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation ('15, Action) Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner. CC					The New York Times Presents (N) CC	
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf RSM Classic, Second Round. CC					
Hallmark	Christmas Town	Christmas With the Darlings ('20, Romance) Katrina Law, Carlo Marks. CC				Christmas at the Plaza ('19) CC	
HBO	:15 The Undoing	:05 ★★★ City Slickers ('91) Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern. (P). CC				Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens (N)		Beyond Oak Island	
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Holiday Crafters Gone Wild (N) CC			
Learning	Chantel	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	Christmas a la Mode	A Taste of Christmas ('20) Anni Krueger. Natalie helps prepare a restaurant. CC				A Very Charming Christmas Town ('20)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Football	White Sox Rewind From Aug. 20, 2020. (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Fantasy Live		NFL GameDay View	
Nick	To Be Announced	Hustle		Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	AirForce	The Lost JFK Tapes: The Assassination				JFK: The Lost Bullet	
Oxygen	:00 Dateline: Secrets Uncovered Barbara George is murdered. (N)			Snapped "Notorious: The BTK Serial Killer" B.T.K. reveals what drove him to do it.			
Parmt	:00 ★★★ Tombstone ('93) Kurt Russell. CC					Tombstone	
Showtime	6:15 Equals	The Reagans CC		★★ 21 Bridges ('19, Action) Chadwick Boseman. CC			:40 Desus & Mero
Starz	Why Married?	★★ Bad Boys for Life ('20, Action) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. CC				:07 The Spanish Princess CC	
STZENC	:28 ★ The New Guy ('02) D.J. Qualls, Eliza Dushku. CC			★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum. CC			
SyFy	4:59 Skyfall	★★★ Noah ('14) Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly. Noah builds an ark to save his family from the coming flood. CC					
TBS	★★ Uncle Drew ('18, Comedy) Kyrie Irving, Lil Rel Howery, Nick Kroll. CC (DVS)				★★★ Barbershop: The Next Cut ('16) Ice Cube. CC		
TCM	Admirable Cric.	★★★★ Man on a Tightrope ('53, Drama) Fredric March, Terry Moore. CC				★★★ Merry Andrew ('58) CC	
TMC	Man on the Moon	★★★ Dazed and Confused ('93) Jason London. CC			:45 ★★★ Monty Python's The Meaning of Life ('83) CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ Jingle All the Way ('96) CC				Dumb & Dumber	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures "Their Final Residence"			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	6:25 ★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse ('10) (P).			★★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 ('11) Kristen Stewart. (P).			
VH1	New Jack	★★★ Casino ('95) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. CC					
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Internet searches for 'panic attacks' more common during covid

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTORS: I had this scary episode happen where all of a sudden, it felt like the world wasn't real. My heart was racing and I thought I was going to pass out. The friend I was with said it was probably a panic attack. Is there any kind of treatment? I really don't want that to happen again.

DEAR READER: Not a day goes by in our practices without there being a discussion about anxiety or panic with at least one of our patients. In fact, the data collected by internet search engines shows that searches for the keywords "anxiety" and "panic," which began to rise in March, have surged in recent weeks. Considering the length of time we have all been dealing with the many uncertainties of life during the pandemic, as well as the social isolation that it has caused, it's not surprising that the rigors of this strange new normal are taking a psychological toll.

From what you described, it does sound like you had a panic attack. These often occur as an acute manifestation of anxiety. In addition to major life stresses such as a grave illness, job loss or the death of a loved one, people with a family history of anxiety disorders may be at increased risk of experiencing a panic attack.

The symptoms, which appear suddenly, include the rapid heartbeat and shortness of breath that you described. Additional symptoms include sweating, heart palpitations, chest pain, weakness, chills, nausea, stomach pain, numbness in the fingers or hands and trembling. For many people, a panic attack is accompanied by an extreme emotional or psychological response, which can include the feelings of unreality and disconnection that you experienced. People also report feelings of looming peril and of hopelessness. Most share your distress at the thought of having to navigate another panic attack in the future.

The first thing to know is that no matter how intense the experience, it's temporary. If you should find yourself having another episode, try closing your eyes, bring your awareness inward and focus on taking deep, steady breaths. Breathe in deeply through your nose, to the bottom of your lungs, hold your breath for a beat or two, and then breathe out just as slowly. Some people find it helpful to count from one to five on each inhale and exhale. Be careful not to hyperventilate, which can make you feel worse.

Although a panic attack is frightening, it's not dangerous. However, due to an overlap in symptoms with other health problems, such as a heart attack, getting a professional opinion is important. In addition to breathing techniques, many people find cognitive behavioral therapy, yoga and mindfulness to be helpful. Lifestyle changes, such as getting regular aerobic exercise, spending time in nature and steering clear of caffeine, nicotine, alcohol and recreational drugs, can make a difference.

If you continue to struggle with panic attacks, your doctor may prescribe anti-anxiety medications. Some of these can be addictive, though, and some have potential for abuse, so we discourage taking that path unless all other approaches have failed to bring relief.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Send your questions to ask thedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Husband is on tech-free crusade

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: For years, my husband has had an issue with cellphones and computers, and makes life very difficult for our family.

For example, he will not let me or our college-age kids use our phones in the dining room; he refuses to look at anything we want to show him on a phone; he immediately responds with, "How did you hear that?" when I tell him something like an old friend passed away (instead of "oh my that is sad"); he makes me turn my alert volume down so he doesn't "have to listen to your phone beeping all the time"; he avoids our bedroom when I am in there on the computer; and so on.

When we are out with others, he has no problem looking at something on their phones. When we call him out on his hypocrisy, he says he doesn't live with these people.

None of us are "addicted" to our phones and clearly I feel the problem lies within him. He feels his issues are understandable and that society has the problem, not him. I am so tired of living this way. – To Phone or Not to Phone

DEAR TO PHONE: Take it from someone who bans phones in the dining room and rose up against the aural tyranny of alerts: The problem is not "clearly" all within him.

And society does have a problem.

Even if we agree you aren't (ahem) "addicted," it can still be utterly lonely to inhabit a home with people all bent to their screens. So go easy on "hypocrisy" charges, too.

While your husband has apparently escalated from objections to campaign to unhinge-y crusade, and his doing so is anathema to home as refuge for all, your most effective first move is to grant him fair points where he's made them.

OK, no phones in the dining room. OK, I'll disable all alerts except for work or emergencies, and use custom tones where possible.

OK? OK.

As for his refusal to look at anyone's screens, that's a barrier to sharing and bonding, yes – but so is the attention to phones that produces the awareness of things you want to show him. So let's call this a draw and drop it. Don't try to show him stuff or re-litigate his refusal to look.

The bedroom thing seems more a matter of degree, and so is likely the linchpin here. If it's a matter of your being wiped out one evening and just wanting to stream movies in bed, then I'd share your frustration completely at being treated as a hostile force for this simple indulgence. But if your habits amount to his being ignored routinely in the one place on earth he most wants your attention, then he has the better claim on being "tired of living this way."

The one certainty is that you've stopped listening to each other and now communicate through your entrenchment in your views.

So start there: Commit yourself to listening, defenses down – and/or surrender your entrenchment and agree: no dining room, no alerts, no screen-showing, no laptop habit in bed.

These *minor* steps – they really are – create tech-free spaces at home without appreciably limiting tech use. And they allow you this response to him: "Please stand down. I've met you two-thirds of the way."

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ACROSS
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5 Pickling ingredient
9 Music media
12 Con
13 Verne's captain
14 Search engine find
15 Roulette color
16 Short rests
17 Louis XIV, e.g.
18 Angry
20 Highly skilled
22 Fort near Trenton
23 Library sect.
24 Let out, maybe
27 Politely
30 Payable now
31 Burglar's "key"
33 Travel far and wide
35 Calcutta attire
37 Dog parasite
39 Double helix
40 Risky
42 Scallions' kin
44 Ego companions
45 PC key
46 Vice —
49 Pasta dish
53 Pollution org.
54 Organize
56 Debtors' notes
57 Win at rummy
58 Civil wrong
59 Identify
60 False front
61 For Pete's —!
62 Corsica neighbor

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1 Wind indicator
2 Pretty soon
3 Cook in a wok
4 Harsh speech
5 Ell
6 Go first
7 Strike caller
8 Tile mural
9 Make well
10 Send by parachute
11 Mask feature
19 Young woman
21 Take-charge type
23 Wait
24 Classified items
25 Poi party
26 Coastal flyer
27 Long river
28 Rich source
29 Tug sharply
32 Switch positions
34 More, to Pablo
36 Osiris' sister
38 Frothy brews
41 Modifies
43 Ms. Stritch
45 Italian poet
46 First-magnitude star
47 Saga
48 Scream and shout
49 Adventure
50 Ambition
51 Unfeeling
52 Riding the waves
55 Hawaii's Mauna —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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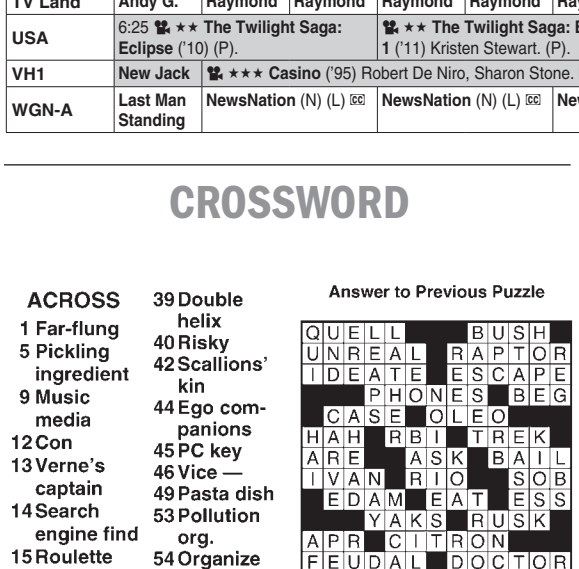

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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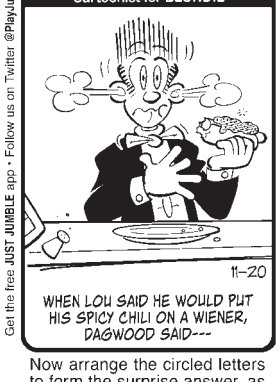
Today's Guest JUMBLER is DEAN YOUNG Cartoonist for BLONDIE



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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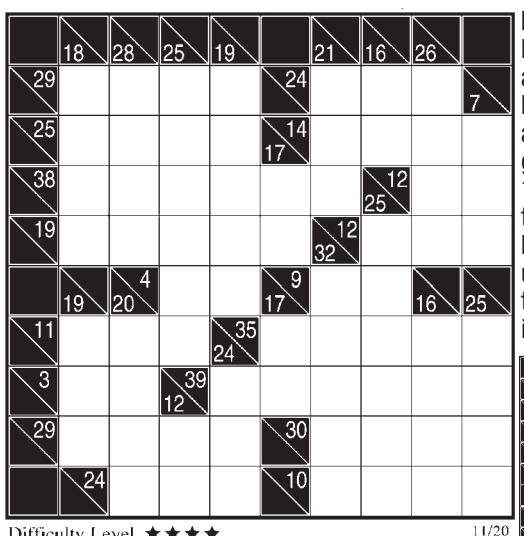
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WEARY DRAFT MISHAP GLOOMY
Answer: Val was silent when Holly called her by her first name, even though — "MOM'S" THE WORD

KAKURO



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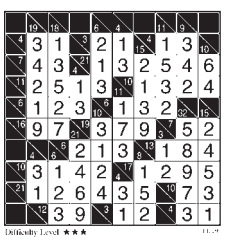
How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



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BRIDGE

The world's most prolific bridge book author is David Bird from England. He types with a light keyboard, uses excellent deals and avoids the grammar and punctuation errors that infest most other authors' work.

His latest book is "Bridge Entry Techniques" (Master Point Press). This useful work contains 13 chapters on declarer-play, seven on defense (a total of 112 deals) and two concluding quizzes, with 24 for declarer and 16 for the defenders.

This deal from the book would catch out many players. How should South play in six no-trump after West leads the spade nine?

South did not like to rebid in such a weak five-card suit, but his partnership treated a two-spade reverse as promising extra values.

The careless declarer plays low from the board at trick one. However, if East is in midseason form, he will take the first trick with his spade king and shift to a diamond, removing declarer's vital hand entry. True, many Easts would not find that defense, but why would South wish to risk it?

He has 12 top tricks: one spade, five hearts (given the 4-2 split), five diamonds and one club. South can take those tricks by winning with dummy's spade ace and unblocking the heart king-queen. He crosses to hand with a diamond, cashes the rest of the hearts, returns to dummy with a club and claims the four diamond winners. He should then receive a "well played" from partner!

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North 11-20-20
♠ A 6
♥ K Q
♦ K Q J 10 5
♣ A 8 5 3

West
♠ 9 8 7
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ 9 7 2
♣ K J 10

East
♠ K J 4 3
♥ 9 7
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ Q 9 7

South
♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ A J 6 4 2
♦ A
♣ 6 4 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 9

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

5	8			6	4	2		
4		2		9	3			
				8				4
		3		2				1
6	5			1			2	8
1				3		7		
8				7				
			6	5		9		7
		7	9	4			5	2

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

4	7	8	6	1	2	9	5	3
2	5	1	7	9	3	4	8	6
3	6	9	5	8	4	1	2	7
6	9	4	8	2	5	3	7	1
8	1	3	9	4	7	2	6	5
5	2	7	3	6	1	8	4	9
1	3	6	4	7	8	5	9	2
9	4	2	1	5	6	7	3	8
7	8	5	2	3	9	6	1	4

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Share your knowledge, and be resourceful when you have doubts. Ask and you shall receive what you need to reach your goals. Embrace change, but don't take risks with your health. Abide by the rules, and take care of unfinished business. The best way to make progress is to approach life with an open mind and a positive attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Live and learn. Sometimes a little force is necessary to get what you want. Sharing your experience with another will change the way you move forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Someone from your past will disrupt your life if you are too revealing. Pay more attention to home and family, and nurture a meaningful relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep up the momentum. Positive change is heading your way. Don't let personal uncertainty stand in your way; focus on what's doable. Personal growth is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't rely on others to do things for you. Stick to the rules and follow through with your plans. If you hang around waiting for someone else, you'll miss out on a chance to show your stuff.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be effective. More significant resources will give you the freedom to expand your interests, skills and potential. Helping others will lead to opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Go about your business. Don't make promises or let someone rope you into something you don't want to do. Pace yourself, take care of your responsibilities and spend time with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you don't like something, make a change. Take control instead of being controlled. An adjustment you make will give you the freedom to do something that brings you joy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consider what is possible and set attainable goals. Don't let someone lead you astray. Stick to what you know and do best. Romance and personal growth are favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A change someone makes will end up benefiting you. Look over contracts or documents that are about to expire. A unique idea that someone presents will lead to a monetary gain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An adventure will entice you. Be careful not to overstep your limits or put yourself in harm's way. Planning and preparation will be vital if you want to avoid a mishap.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your enthusiasm and desire to learn will encourage others to join in and support your efforts. A last-minute change will benefit you. Proceed with passion and gusto.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Mull over the past, and come to terms with anything that is holding you back. Personal growth, physical improvements and lifestyle changes are favored. Don't give in to demanding people.

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One of the largest single-dish radio telescopes at the Arecibo Observatory in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, is shown on July 13, 2016.

Huge Puerto Rico radio telescope to close in blow to science

By DÁNICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The National Science Foundation announced Thursday that it will close the huge telescope at the renowned Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico in a blow to scientists worldwide who depend on it to search for planets, asteroids and extraterrestrial life.

The independent, federally funded agency said it's too dangerous to keep operating the single dish radio telescope – one of the world's largest – given the significant damage it recently sustained. An auxiliary cable broke in August and tore a 100-foot hole in the reflector dish and damaged the dome above it. Then on Nov. 6, one of the telescope's main steel cables snapped, leading officials to warn that the entire structure could collapse.

NSF officials noted that even if crews were to repair all the damage, engineers found that the structure would still be unstable in the long term.

"This decision is not an easy one for NSF to make, but the safety of people is our number one priority," said Sean Jones, the agency's assistant director for the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate. "We understand how much Arecibo means to this community and to Puerto Rico."

He said the goal was to preserve the telescope without placing people at risk, but, "we have found no path forward to allow us to do so safely."

The telescope was built in the 1960s with money from the Defense Department amid a push to develop anti-ballistic missile defenses. In its 57 years of operation, it endured hurricanes, endless humidity and a recent string of strong earthquakes.

The telescope boasts a 1,000-foot-wide dish featured in the Jodie Foster film "Contact" and the James Bond movie "GoldenEye."

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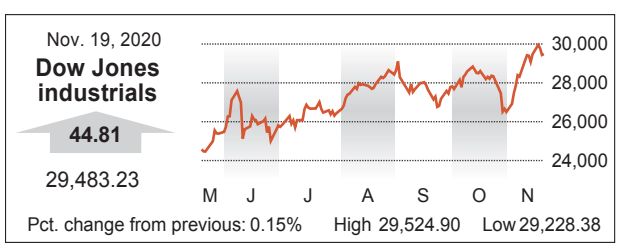

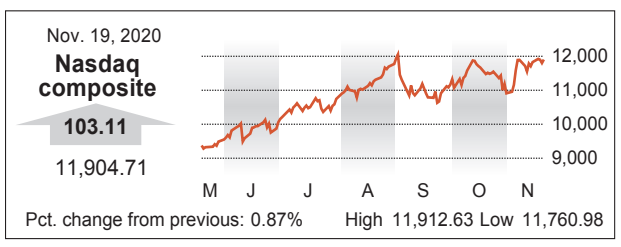

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	82.45	-1.68	-2.0	▼	▼	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	118.64	+.61	+0.5	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1133.76	+2.11	+0.2	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	14.74	40.08	19.53	-.03	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.58	-.92	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	53.13	+.52	+1.0	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	50.38	49.48	+.34	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	265.87	255.59	-1.74	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	141.72	-2.18	-1.5	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	113.35	94.55	+.90	+1.0	▼	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	71.37	37.40	+.19	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	25.88	+.18	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	37.54	+.25	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	9.58	8.82	...	...	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	9.66	-.07	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
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Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	212.42	+1.34	+0.6	▼	▼	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	36.80	+.01	...	▲	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	48.81	+.62	+1.3	▼	▲	▲
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ProctGam	PG	94.34	146.92	139.53	-.17	-0.1	▼	▼	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	103.79	99.91	-.07	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	12.39	-.05	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	241.53	233.57	+1.81	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	33.99	+.22	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	90.17	172.12	171.37	+4.52	+2.7	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	131.25	+2.83	+2.2	▼	▼	▼
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VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	60.21	-.11	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
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OBITUARIES

Donald Orth

Donald Dean Orth, 58, of Elkhart, Ind., formerly of St. Joseph went home on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, of natural causes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Laurie Krause Orth, RN, BSN; his four sons: Dane Orth, Devin Orth, Alexander (Nicole) Orth, and Donovon (fiancé Kimberly Scribner); his three grandsons; two granddaughters; five siblings: Debbie (Don) Roush, Wendy (George) Whaley, Marie (Kenyon) Shane, Marylea Mitchell, Paul (Susanne) Orth; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunt and uncles.

In Donald's younger days, he worked in the family business, Willie Piontek Painting and Redecorating, and later for the Berrien County Courthouse as the groundskeeper. It was his passion to beautify his community through painting, staining and wallpapering homes and businesses. He was a kind and thoughtful man who's heart was too big for this world and was taken too soon.

Donald's parents: Dean and Beverly Orth; and stepfather, Willie Piontek, preceded him in death.

Donald lived for his family, enjoyed his grandchildren, good food and political discussion – may he rest in peace.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

William Bingham

March 14, 1933 – Nov. 15, 2020

William "Doyle" Bingham of South Haven (Geneva Twp.) passed away Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at his home surrounded by his children.

He was born on March 14, 1933, to Willie B. and Carry Flournoy (Buchanan) Bingham in Tupelo, Miss. Doyle graduated from South Haven High School in 1952.

Joanne Sollman and Doyle were united in marriage by the Rev. Tenhoppen in South Haven on April 12, 1952. They shared 55 years together before Joanne passed away in 2008.

Doyle worked in the tool and die trades, most recently for Wollin Products in Stevensville, with other periods spent at S.E. Overton's, Duwell, Bohn Aluminum, all in South Haven; and Star Stamping in Benton Harbor.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church, UCC in South Haven, and served as the food pantry leader for many years. Doyle enjoyed spending time with family and friends, as well as hunting, fishing, golf, travel, and visiting casinos.

He is preceded in death by his parents; as well as his wife, Joanne Bingham; his brother, Donald Gene Bingham; and sisters: LaVerne Radseck and Flora Garner.

Doyle is survived by his children: Peter Michael Bingham of South Haven, Elizabeth A. Enge of Brooklyn Park, Minn., Timothy Bingham (Jinling) of South Haven, and Beverly (Lee) Mealer of South Haven; sisters: Robinette Dykstra of South Haven, Frances Dailey of South Haven, Linda Napier of Benton Harbor, and Mary Lou Keen of South Haven; grandchildren: Keith (Heidi) Enge, Kevin Enge, Christopher Mealer, Darren Mealer, Jennifer (Shaun) Carter; great-grandchildren: JT Biggers, Adrianna, Blake, and Trinity Mealer; Hanna and Conner Enge; and Emilio and Jasmine Carter; and many nieces and nephews.

A small gathering of friends and family will take place at 10 a.m. Nov. 28, at the First Congregational Church, UCC in South Haven, and a memorial service beginning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jeffrey Dick officiating. Burial services will follow at a later date when Doyle will be laid to rest in North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to: First Congregational Church, UCC, 651 Phoenix St., South Haven, MI 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven.

Death notices

William "Doyle" Bingham, 87, of South Haven (Geneva Township) died Nov. 15, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Calvin D. Champagne, 42, of Buchanan died Nov, 17, 2020, at his home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Willie Earnest Hudson, 92, of Coloma died Nov. 12, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Mary Olsen, 72, of Paw Paw died Nov. 11, 2020. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Donald Dean Orth, 58, of Elkhart, Ind., formerly of St. Joseph died Nov. 16, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Gail Franklin Peapples Jr., 80, of Summerville, S.C., died Nov. 18, 2020. James Dyal Funeral Home, Summerville, S.C., 843-873-4040.

Gail Peapples Jr.

Sept. 2, 1940 – Nov. 18, 2020

Gail Franklin Peapples Jr., 80, of Summerville, S.C., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 at Summerville Medical Center, S.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Alzheimer's Foundation of America 322 Eighth Ave., 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

Gail was born on Sept. 2, 1940, in Benton Harbor, the son of the late Gail F. Peapples Sr., and Adah Secor. He was a longtime member, treasurer and president of NARFE. He served in the U.S. Marines and retired from the U.S. Department of Justice, FBI.

Survivors, including his wife, are two daughters: Petrie (Jay) Montgomery of Leesburg, Ga., and Paige (Allan) Delaney of Charlotte, N.C.; one son, Patrick (Rebecca) Peapples of Fredericksburg, Va.; eight grandchildren: Merrilee, Jacob, Caroline Mei, Joshua, Sarah, Patrick Jr., Hayden and Evelynn.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

Willie Hudson

April 25, 1928 – Nov. 12, 2020

Willie Earnest Hudson, 92, of Coloma departed this life Nov. 12, 2020, at home. A service celebrating his life will be Nov. 24, at the Solid Rock Word Ministries, Coloma.

The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Willie was born April 25, 1928, in Coffeeville, Miss., to the late John and Nora Hudson.

He was employed by Auto Specialist and upon retiring he worked part-time on Elmer Farley's Farm. Willie was married to the late Lillie Mae Washington Hudson for 60 years.

Willie loved hunting, caring for his hunting dogs, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his family, and he was a lifelong member of the Union Memorial AME Church.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory daughters: Esterlean (Jetson Jr.) Alexander, Freda (John) Evans, and LaVetta (Byron) White; sons: Pastor Kerwin (Joyce) Hudson, Tyrone (Shirley) Hudson, Rodney (Penelope) Hudson and Arvell (Tashia) Hudson; 38 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren; brothers: Edward (Rosie) Hudson, and Calvin (Gloria) Hudson; sister-in-law, Dorothy Hudson; brother-in-law, Earnest (Freda) Washington; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie Hudson; parents: John and Nora Hudson; sisters: Florette Hudson Parker, Mary Evelyn Hudson, Vera "Pee-Wee" Hudson Herrion, Omia Jean Hudson, and Joyce Nell Hudson Butler; and brothers: Johnnie, Charles and Kenneth Hudson.

GM: New batteries cut electric car costs, increase range

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors says a pending breakthrough in battery chemistry will cut the price of its electric vehicles so they equal those powered by gasoline within five years. The technology also will increase the range per charge to as much as 450 miles.

The company's product development chief promised a small electric SUV that will cost less than $30,000 and pledged to roll out 30 battery-powered models worldwide by 2025. Nearly all current electric vehicles cost more than $30,000.

The announcement Thursday shows how fast electric vehicle technology is evolving and how it may become the primary fuel for transportation sooner than almost anyone believed.

The GM announcement is among a series of recent tipping points from internal combustion vehicles to electric, Guidehouse Insights Principal Analyst Sam Abuelsamid said. Ford and Fiat Chrysler recently announced plans to build electric vehicles and components at Canadian factories, and Volkswagen, the world's top-selling automaker, is increasing its EV spending and models. "There's going to be a lot more EVs coming," he said.

The challenge for automakers and startups has always been balancing range against battery costs, and GM appears to have gone beyond that, Abuelsamid said.

"What we're seeing now is that they're confident enough on their costs that they think they can offer those 300-to-400 mile range vehicles, and the upfront cost is similar to internal combustion vehicles," Abuelsamid said.

The developments arrive as government pollution regulations tighten worldwide, with California and the United Kingdom recently announcing plans to ban gas-powered new vehicle sales in 10 to 15 years. President-elect Joe Biden is likely to restore government fuel economy regulations that have been rolled back by President Donald Trump, with Biden vowing to spend billions on electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. GM supported the rollback.

"If you look at all the forecasts the estimates, generally, the demand is kind of potentially being forecast to pick up," said Doug Parks, GM executive vice president of product development. "We think the industry is transforming, and so we want to be at the leading edge of this."

The company also wants to supplant Tesla as the global electric vehicle leader, saying it has done great things and was able to get the jump on GM and other traditional automakers.

To back up its claims, GM said it will raise spending on electric vehicles from a promised $20 billion, to more than $27 billion through 2025.

The new battery cell chemistry, now undergoing early tests at a lab inside GM's suburban Detroit technical center, can hold twice as much energy as the company's current electric vehicle batteries, Parks said. They'll also cost 60 percent less than current battery packs now in the Chevrolet Bolt electric car, he said.

The chemistry, which will use lithium metal anodes, will help GM package battery cells for a wide range of vehicles at different price points and ranges, Parks said. The new battery cells also will be used by Honda, which is partnering with GM and battery cell supplier LG Chem of Korea.

Parks said GM's next generation of batteries due out next year already are getting close to reducing electric vehicle costs so they are similar to internal combustion engine vehicles, especially when fuel costs are factored in.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA is offering snow day insurance to parents of children in Lakeshore and St. Joseph elementary schools. For a $15 registration fee per child, parents can be assured of child care if a snow day is called by either school district. A daily fee of $20 will be charged each day that the program is in use. The YMCA will also offer Holiday Camp for ages 6-12.

1985 – 35 years ago

Voting closes at midnight tonight in Purina's Great American Dog contest. Among five candidates are Giana Webster, a Michigan State University coed from St. Joseph, and her German shepherd, Boggie. The other finalists in the contest for a $25,000 prize are from California, Texas, Pennsylvania and Alabama.

1970 – 50 years ago

A girl's athletic program has been launched at Bridgman High School to open the door for inter-school competition in basketball, volleyball, softball and badminton. The program is being directed by Miss Darlene Weaver, and plans call for contacting area schools to develop a competition schedule. The Bridgman group belongs to the state and national Girls Athletic Association.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Nov. 20, the 325th day of 2020. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 20, 2000, lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush battled before the Florida Supreme Court over whether the presidential election recount should be allowed to continue.

On this date: In 1620, Peregrine White was born aboard the Mayflower in Massachusetts Bay; he was the first child born of English parents in present-day New England.

In 1945, 22 former Nazi officials went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany. (Almost a year later, the International Military Tribune sentenced 12 of the defendants to death; seven received prison sentences ranging from 10 years to life; three were acquitted.)

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy held a news conference in which he announced the end of the naval quarantine of Cuba imposed during the missile crisis, and the signing of an executive order prohibiting discrimination in federal housing facilities.

In 1967, the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout. A group of American Indian activists began a 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
56°	39°	46° / 36°	45° / 34°	44° / 31°	45° / 35°

Local Outlook

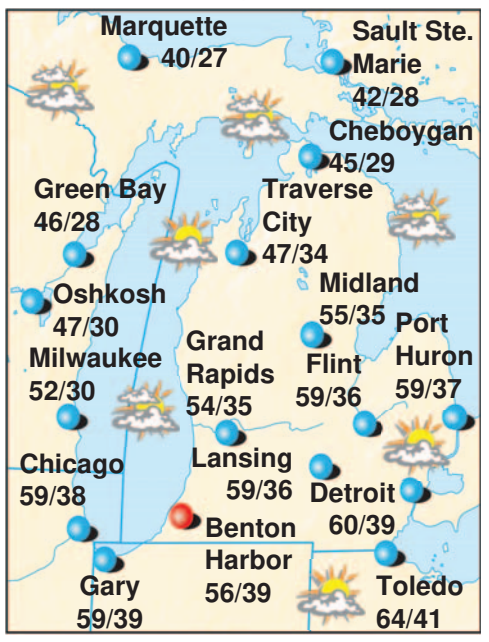
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 56°, humidity of 61%. West wind 6 to 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 39°. Northwest wind 2 to 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 36°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:42 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:19 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 1:10 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:50 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
11/21	11/30	12/7	12/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	66°R
Low	49°
Normal High	47°
Normal Low	32°
Record High	61° in 2007
Record Low	15° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.88"
Normal for month	2.23"
Year to date	31.12"
Normal Year to date	34.23"

Air Quality

Yesterday 37
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

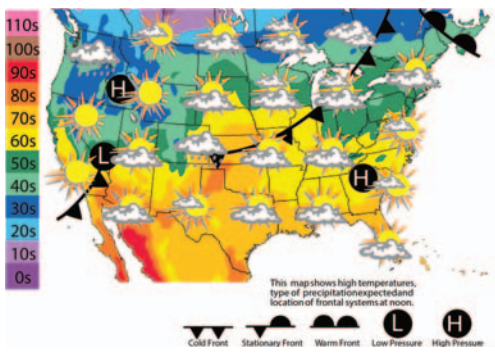
Weather Trivia

If the air is cold and dry, what type of snow is made? ?

Answer: Powdery.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 20, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SW wind 8 to 15 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 3 ft. Water temperature 58 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 6 to 11 kt. Increasing clouds. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s. West wind 6 to 22 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 30s and 40s. West northwest wind 1 to 7 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 50s and 60s. West wind 6 to 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 40s. Southeast wind 2 to 6 mph.

HOUSING

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Total existing-home sales increased 4.3 percent from September to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 6.85 million in October. Overall, sales are up 26.6 percent from a year ago.

"Considering that we remain in a period of stubbornly high unemployment relative to pre-pandemic levels, the housing sector has performed remarkably well this year," said NAR's chief economist Lawrence Yun.

While coronavirus-induced shutdowns hindered all markets, Yun said the housing industry has mounted an impressive rebound.

"The surge in sales in recent months has now offset the spring market losses," he said. "With news that a COVID-19 vaccine will soon be available, and with mortgage rates projected to hover around 3 percent in 2021, I expect the market's growth to continue into 2021."

Yun said he anticipates national existing-home sales to rise by 10 percent in 2021.

Nationally, the total housing inventory at the end of October totaled 1.42 million units, down 2.7 percent from September and down 19.8 percent from a year ago. Unsold inventory sits at an all-time low 2.5-month supply at the current sales pace, down from 2.7 months in September.

"Homebuilders' confidence has soared even though the actual production has not," Yun said. "All measures, such as reduction to lumber tariffs and expansion of vocational training, need to be considered to significantly boost supply and construct new housing."

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TRAVEL

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mask mandate, issued an order requiring face coverings to be worn in public spaces indoors and outdoors.

Keeping up with non-COVID-19 cases

Hospitals are struggling to keep up with non-coronavirus cases ranging from broken bones to heart attacks in states where COVID-19 cases are tying up resources.

In Kansas, rural hospitals are running into difficulty trying to transfer patients to larger hospitals for more advanced care.

"Whether it is regular pneumonia or appendicitis or fractures that need surgery, they have a limited amount of beds in their facilities and they are not taking a lot of these routine cases," said Perry Desbien, a nurse practitioner who works in Smith Center and other rural communities. "They are saying, 'Send them home. Have them follow up in the office. Unless it is life-threatening, we don't want to see them either.'"

Earlier this month, the Mayo Clinic Health System in Wisconsin announced it was suspending elective medical procedures.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker noted that with COVID-19 patients claiming a quarter of the state's hospital beds, there are fewer resources for heart attack patients, expectant mothers or cancer patients.

"When we let our hospitals get overrun or even close to it, it is all of us suffering," Pritzker said.

Sick hospital workers

The Mayo Clinic Health System, a Midwest network of hospitals and clinics run by the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, reported that 905 staff members have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past two weeks.

Ringo H.W. Chiu / AP

Long lines of motorists wait to take a coronavirus test in a parking lot at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on Wednesday. With the coronavirus surging out of control, the nation's top public health agency advised Americans on Thursday not to travel for Thanksgiving and not to spend the holiday with people from outside their household.

Dr. Amy Williams, executive dean of Mayo Clinic Practice, said the vast majority were exposed in the community and not at work.

"It shows how widely spread this is in our communities and how easy it is to get COVID-19 in the communities here in the Midwest," she said.

In Kansas, 178 employees and doctors at a Topeka hospital had active coronavirus cases or were isolated and on leave because of contact with someone who had coronavirus.

And the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City and nearby clinics had 206 employees, including physicians, nurses and support staff, out as of Tuesday after testing positive. An additional 260 were not at work and quarantining while they awaited test results.

Positivity rate

The positivity rate – the percentage of tests coming back positive for the virus – has taken on a more prominent role in the nation's response to the crisis in recent days.

New York City shut down in-person classes in the nation's largest school system this week after the positivity rate surpassed 3 percent. That angered families who believe it is too stringent a standard and question why bars and restaurants can remain open.

The positivity rate has soared to record levels all around the nation. South Dakota, Iowa and Wyoming's rate are all averaging above 50 percent, and the national average is now 10 percent.

Health experts caution that there are weaknesses in the positivity data because states calculate the rate differently.

But they say the overall trend is not in dispute, and it indicates severe spread and, in many places, insufficient testing.

EXPUNGEMENT

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assaultive crime carrying a penalty of more than 10 years in prison.

Someone with multiple felonies must wait at least seven years to petition for expungement. One felony or one or more serious misdemeanors have a waiting period of five years, and non-serious misdemeanors have a wait of three years.

A person seeking an expungement must have no criminal charges pending and no other criminal convictions during the waiting period.

Perangeli said one of the biggest changes in the law is that some convictions will be automatically wiped clean after a certain period of time. The automatic set-aside of some convictions will start two years after the new laws take effect, so in April 2023, Pierangeli said.

Misdemeanors under 93 days in jail will be automatically set aside after seven years from the date of sentence, and the number of expungements for these is unlimited.

Misdemeanors punishable by 93 days or more will be automatically set aside after seven years from date of sentence, provided there are no pending charges or other criminal offenses, and the number of expungements is limited to four.

A maximum of two felonies are automatically set aside after 10 years from date of sentence or completion of incarceration, whichever occurs later, as long as there are no pending charges and no convictions during the 10-year waiting period.

Automatic expungement does not apply to the following crimes or attempts to commit the following crimes: assaultive crimes, crimes of dishonesty, crimes punishable by 10 years or more, human trafficking crimes or felony crimes that involve a minor, vulnerable adult, injury or serious impairment or death.

Pierangeli said another big change coming with the new laws is that traffic offenses will now be eligible to be set aside. Exceptions are operating while intoxicated, any traffic offense that results in injury or death, and those that involve a commercial vehicle driver. Pierangeli noted that while traffic offenses can now be expunged, they will still appear on a person's Secretary of State driving record.

Under the new laws, anyone can apply to set aside all misdemeanor marijuana convictions, and marijuana offenses that would have been legal after Dec. 6, 2018, when marijuana use became legal in Michigan, must be set aside.

Prosecutors will still be able to object to some expungement applications involving marijauna, such as if the offense involved the delivery of drugs for money. But that element would have to be proven by the prosecutor, and the court still has discretion to decide the expungement petition.

Pierangeli said that although convictions that are expunged are removed from a person's public record, they remain listed in state police records such as the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), so they can still be used to consider sentences for new crimes and for habitual offenders.

Some of the lawyers attending Thursday's presentation had questions about how they will get access to that information, which is available to police officers.

"That's a big issue when we're trying to set bond and determine an appropriate sentence," said Berrien County Trial Court Judge Arthur Cotter.

Pierangeli, who is Berrien County's prosecutor-elect and will take the prosecutor's seat in January, promised to look into that question.

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic is retiring, and Pierangeli was elected to the post earlier this month.

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GOP

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select electors or to award electors to anyone other than the person who received the most votes," Shirkey's spokeswoman said last week. On Nov. 6, Chatfield tweeted: "Whoever gets the most votes will win Michigan! Period. End of story. Then we move on.

Asked at a Lansing news conference about the plan for legislative leaders to visit Trump, Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said, "I hope they wear masks, and I hope they stay safe."

"All the meetings in the world, though, can't take away from the fact that Joe Biden won Michigan by over 150,000 votes," Whitmer added. "That's 14 times the margin that Donald Trump won by in 2016. ... So we will be sending a slate of electors that reflects the will of the people of Michigan at the end of this process."

Also Thursday, state officials said Michigan's largest county cannot revoke its certification of election results after two Republicans who approved Biden's local landslide wanted to revert to their initial stance of refusing to bless the vote tally.

The GOP effort to change position represented another complication in what is typically a routine task. Monica Palmer and William Hartmann, the two GOP canvassers in Wayne County, said they only voted to certify the results after "hours of sustained pressure" and after getting promises that their concerns about the election would be investigated.

"We deserve better – but more importantly, the American people deserve better – than to be forced to accept an outcome achieved through intimidation, deception and threats of violence," they said in a statement Wednesday night.

State officials said the certification of the Detroit-area vote will stand. Michigan's chief election officer said a post-election audit will be performed, though not to check "mythical allegations" of fraud.

"There is no legal mechanism for them to rescind their vote. Their job is done, and the next step in the process is for the Board of State Canvassers to meet and certify," said Tracy Wimmer, a spokeswoman for the Michigan secretary of state.

The four-member state board, which is expected to meet Monday, is split with two Democrats and two Republicans – the same makeup as the Wayne County board.

Trump's campaign said the latest about-face by Palmer and Hartmann is legitimate. It withdrew a federal lawsuit challenging the Detroit-area results, attaching affidavits from the pair.

Palmer and Hartmann initially voted against certification Tuesday, leaving the county Board of Canvassers deadlocked at 2-2 along party lines. Palmer complained that certain Detroit precincts were out of balance, meaning that absentee ballot books did not match the number of ballots cast.

"This is not an indication that any votes were improperly cast or counted," Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said.